The Invitation to the Great Supper

A Parable for Sinners Invited to Share in God’s Salvation.

Luke 14

The Parable of the Great Supper is a story about a great provision and great excuses. The Lord told us through a simple story how lame excuses led to the loss of great blessings.

The Savior provided rich blessings through his death on the cross. Now, the Good News is proclaimed throughout the world that “through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins” (Acts 13:38).

What is on the menu?

What does God offer to us through the preaching of the gospel? Some would say salvation is a merely fuller life, more friends, a stable job, good health and prosperity. However, the biblical list of blessings that come from salvation includes:

- A home in heaven (John 14:1-6).
- No condemnation (John 5:24; Romans 8:1).
- Peace with God (Romans 5:1).
- Become a child of God (John 1:12).

Procedure

2. Print the invitations and rejection letters on the following pages.
3. Present each of these invitations as a special gift from God to the class. As you tell the parable of the excuses, tell the students what they would receive from God if they were saved.
4. Now present the rejection letters for the three excuses. As you examine each excuse, explain that there are many ways that we put salvation in second or third priority.

Here are some verses that tell us the urgency of being saved...

2 Corinthians 6:2 Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Luk 13:24 "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

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Now fold the opposite direction, leaving the front page as the cover of the book.
You are invited to God’s great supper of salvation...

Acts 13:38
Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.
Salvation is to be part of the family of God.

You are invited to God’s great supper of salvation...

**John 1:11-13**
He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. (12) But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.
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**Romans 8:1**
There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**John 5:24**
Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.
You are invited to God's great supper of salvation...

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

John 14:2

Salvation is to have a home in Heaven.
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Salvation is to have peace with God.

Romans 5:1
Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
You are invited to God's great supper of salvation...

Write a Bible verse that tells of a benefit from being saved. Draw a picture to represent the verse.

Some suggestions are Romans 5:9; Romans 6:23; John 3:36; John 10:27-29 or any of the verses in Ephesians 2:1-22
Dear God,
Thank you for the invitation to your Great Gospel Supper, but I have married a wife. She is more important to me that you are. Please excuse me from coming.
Sincerely,
Mr. Lost-in-sin
Dear God,
Thank you for the invitation to your Great Gospel Supper, but I have too much work to do with my new oxen. Please excuse me from coming.

Sincerely,
Mr. Rich-but-poor
Dear God,
Thank you for the invitation to your Great Gospel Supper, but I have I purchased a field and want to go see it. I cannot come.

Sincerely,
Mr. Earthly-mind
Dear God,

Thank you for the invitation to your Great Gospel Supper, but I

Sincerely,

Mr.