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Banquet Lessons

Luke 14:7-24

The Low Seat

Who is this “someone” that asks the question “Lord, will those who will be saved be few?” v. 23

The way the question is asked suggests a present bias

The remnant syndrome: Elijah in **1 Kings 19:10,14** (see also **Luke 3:8**)

Tribalism, meant as an antidote to pride (Babel), becomes little pride everywhere multiplied

Jesus answers indirectly with a picture of a narrow door: v. 24

Narrow suggests entry boundaries

Entry boundaries say nothing about capacity

The Guest List

Near in body, far in heart: **Isaiah 29:13** (**Matthew 15:7-9**): v. 25-26

Depart from me you workers of evil: (**Psalm 6:8**): v. 27

The patriarchs and the prophets: v. 28

Gentiles from the east, west, north, south: v. 29

Again we are not talking about size of the group but make up of the group

The point: first will be last, last will be first (see also **Matthew 19:30, 20:16; Mark 9:35, 10:31,44**): v. 30

Rich young ruler, who is the greatest, like a child, laborers in the vineyard

Presumption, privilege, pride disqualify

The Heart of the Banquet Giver

Jesus affirms there is a particular entry door (**John 10:1**) and that He is that door (**John 10:7**)

The lament over Jerusalem reinforces this: the power set in Jerusalem are on track to miss out: v. 34

I would have gathered you under my wings (maternal image of being cared for, carried): v. 34

Your house is forsaken: v. 35

Strive to enter: v. 24; **Luke 13:24**; fighting the good fight: **1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Timothy 4:7**