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Study 12 - Luke 13:22-14:35

1. What question kicks off this part of Jesus' teaching about the Kingdom of God (13:23)? What important points does Jesus make as he begins to answer the question (v24-25)?
2. What is surprising about Jesus' teaching here (13:26-30)? Why are those who are shut out so shocked?
3. What would Jesus want us to do with this information?
4. How does the next encounter (13:31-35) illustrate what Jesus has just been saying?
5. How does Jesus feel about the people of Israel? How do they feel about him? What light does this shed on who Jesus has in mind in 13:30?
6. The next two stories (14:1-6 and v7-14) illustrate why the religious leaders are so far away from God's Kingdom. What problems are highlighted here?
7. What kind of attitude do we need if we're going to enter the Kingdom (14:7-14 ... also, look back at 9:46-48)?

8. What feast is being spoken about in 13:29 and 14:15? Read Isaiah 25:6-8 for some important background?

9. All this talk about feasts leads Jesus to talk about the greatest feast; the eternal banquet in the Kingdom of God (14:15-24). What do we learn about this feast and who gets in from the parable that Jesus tells?

10. What's wrong with these excuses? How do people use similar excuses today?

11. "Although the invitation is free, it is not cheap." What does Jesus say about the cost of following him (14:25-35)? How does this apply to our context?

12. How do you make sense of Jesus' words, especially in the light of what the bible says elsewhere about honouring our parents and loving our spouse?

13. What examples does Jesus give in v28-32 to illustrate what he has been saying? What is the important principle?

14. What have you found most challenging about this passage? What have you found encouraging?