

Today's message came from the Gospel, according to Luke, Chapter 14, verses 1-24. The scripture is not printed here due to its length. Please read it for yourself!

As I read and meditated over these verses, I jotted down in the margin of my Bible;

Verses 1-6: God desires mercy over sacrifice. God's grace is extended to everyone who receives it. Which one of us wouldn't reach out to help someone we love in their time of need? And so it is with God and His children. His mercy and grace are always available and it's the reason we should extend it to others.

Verses 7-11: Be humble.

Verses 12-14: Do for those who can't repay you. Those who have nothing to offer you.

Verses 15-24: God invited everyone into his kingdom. There's a seat at his Heavenly Banquet for all. But not all will accept the invitation.

As I thought more about the whole of this passage, they all came together in my spirit.

Through God's **grace** and **mercy**, in **humbleness**, **serve** those who need it, **without expectation** of anything in return, BECAUSE, **God has offered salvation to everyone through Jesus**.

The next time you share a meal with someone, tell them what Jesus means to you and what He has done in your life. It's that simple! Don't complicate it.

You have been challenged to invite someone to join you at the table. Who will God lead you to host? Will it be a representation of God's Kingdom community? Ask someone to join you for worship. Invite them to join you for supper on Wednesdays. Who deserves to join you on this journey? When will you ask? Remember, we have gathered in worship; now it is time to go and be the church.

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***"Living intentionally in a Christlike manner to bring glory to God"***

**the Church.**