DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WEEK 4: THE GREAT BANQUET (LUKE 14:15-24)

LOVE like Jesus—*Get to know each other*

Which parable that we've studied so far are you struggling to understand? Share insights with each other to add clarity based on what you have learned and how you interpret the parables..

LEARN from Jesus—*Discuss the lessons of the message*

We learn that the image of a "banquet" is a metaphor for heaven that is used throughout the Bible. What other metaphors and symbols have you noticed as we study the Parables?

Identify how Jesus reveals each of these three lessons in the parable:

1. What He is warning us of
2. How grace figures into the story
3. What this parable should prompt us to do

How did putting the guests' excuses into the context of life 2000 years ago increase your understanding of this parable? Do you think there is anything else in it that needs to be examined in light of the time in which it took place?

LIVE like Jesus—*Apply the message to your life*

What are the ways in your everyday life that you accept the invitation to be a part of the Banquet that Jesus invites you to?

How are you like the guests who make excuses not to attend?