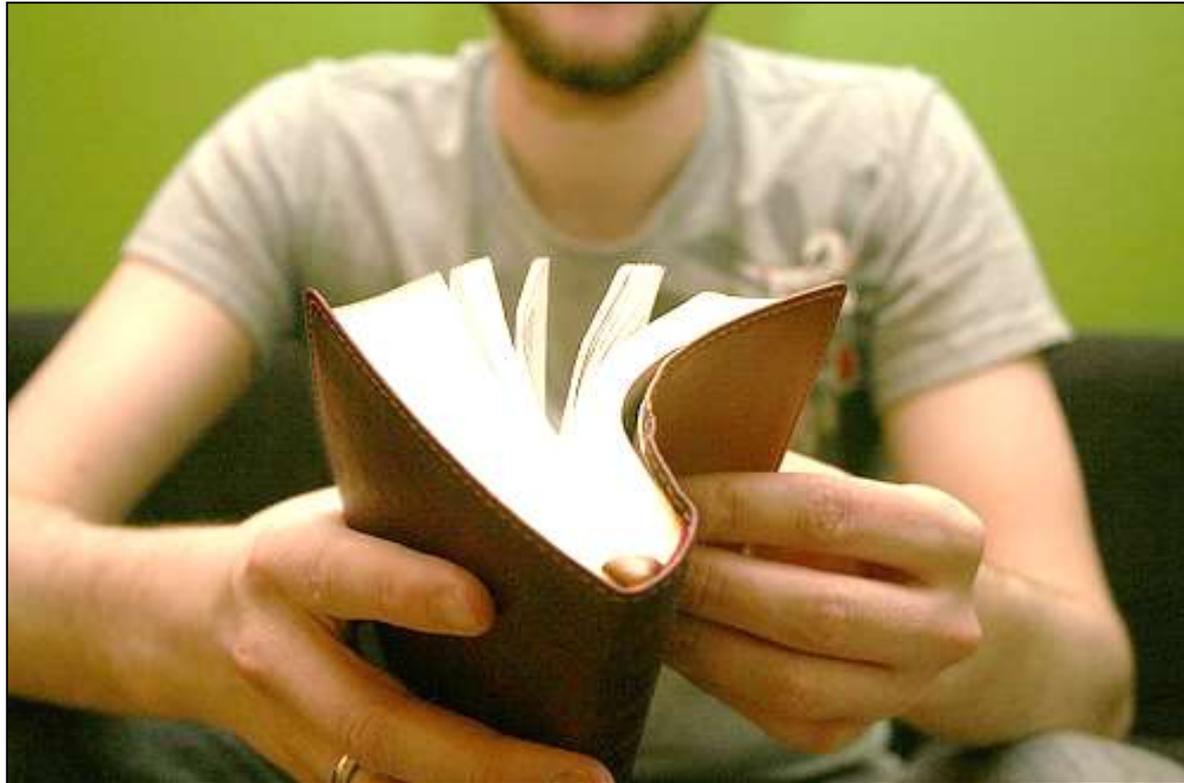


The Party



Luke's Gospel Chapter 14 verses 1-24

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee,



he was being carefully watched. There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body.



What a shabby way to treat someone!

**If you are going to give criticism
you'd better be able to take it!**



Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" But they remained silent.



They are thinking a lot
but saying nothing.



So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way.



Then he asked them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?" And they had nothing to say.

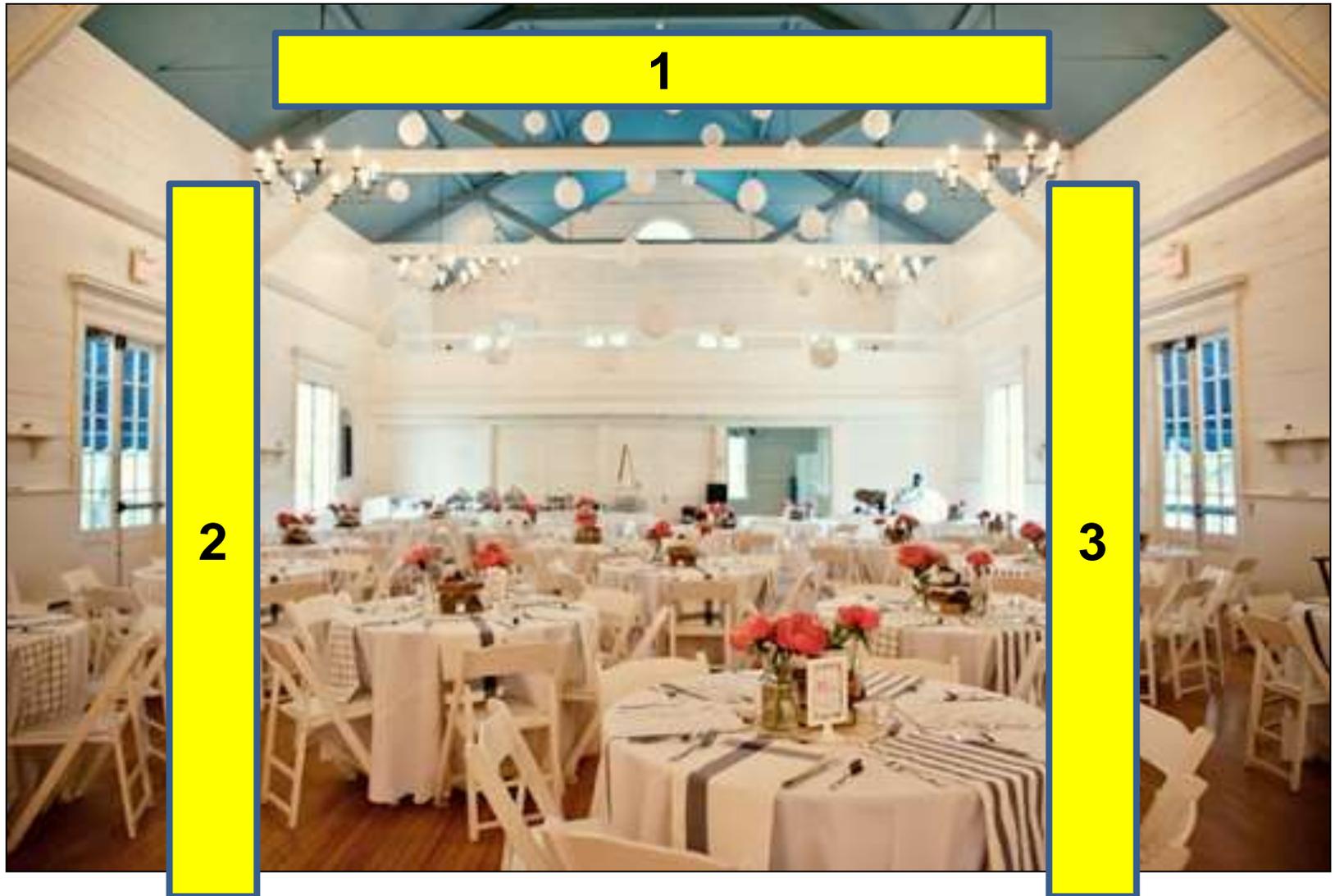


A magnifying glass with a silver handle and a circular lens. The lens is focused on the word "FOCUS" written in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. The background behind the lens is a light green and white gradient.

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**On
The
Guests**

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable:



When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.





**On
The
Host**

When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."





"Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."

1, He assumes there's going to be one.

Correctly

2, He assumes he's going to be there.

Not if he rejects Jesus

3, Embarrassed? Change the subject ?

Keep the poor, lame, etc. out of it

Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'



But they all alike began to make excuses.

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The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'



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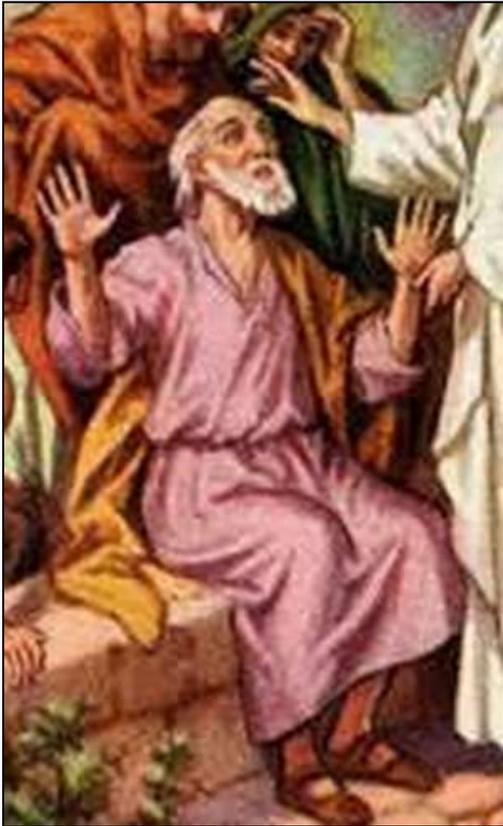
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The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' 'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'

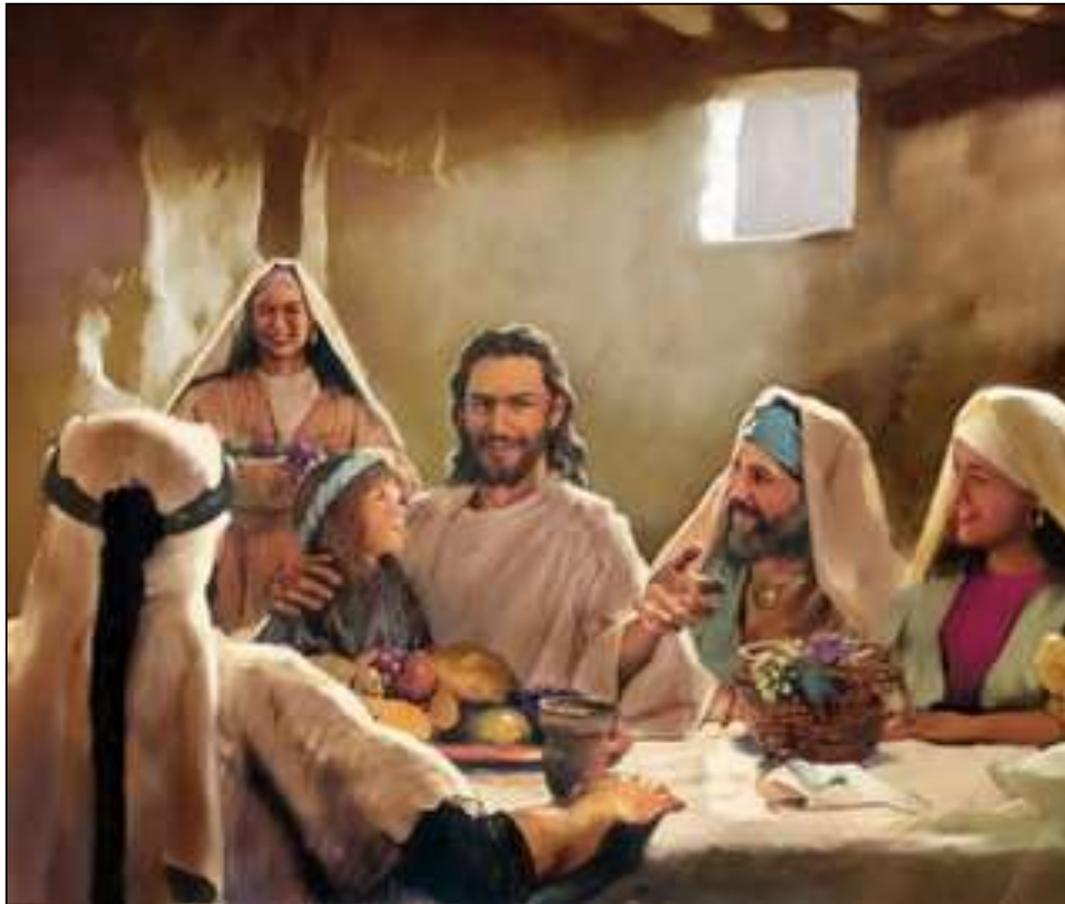


Then the master told his servant,
'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to
come in, so that my house will be full.'



I tell you,
not one of those who were invited will get a taste of
my banquet.

Change from parable to prophecy!



The Message of the Parable of the Feast

A certain man

At the time of the banquet

He sent his servant

They began to make excuses

into the streets and alleys of
the town and bring in the
poor, the crippled, the blind
and the lame

out to the roads and country
lanes

Compel them to come in

God

the Kingdom is here & then

preachers, the Holy Spirit

the religious leaders

Local needy Jewish people

Distant gentile peoples

Earnest invitation

Jesus died for your sin.

He's alive today.

You are invited to Jesus' wedding feast.

The feast is nearly ready.

There is still room.

Will you be there?

