

6. Discuss how each of these might be the case.
7. Which of these do you think is most common for people today?
8. Which is the greatest temptation for you?
9. Does Jesus' parable make you uncomfortable? Why or why not?
10. How did you feel about Mrs. Turpin (from Flannery O'Connor's *Revelation*) when you heard Kory tell the story?
11. How are she and the Pharisees similar? How are they different?
12. What do you think is the difference between a life of true gratitude and humility and a life of Christian ambivalence? Could you see the difference in someone else?
13. What are some signs that a person has become ambivalent toward the Kingdom?
14. What are some ways you can develop a humble, grateful heart?



Saved and from Hell

Sermon Notes and Takehome

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Anyone who hears a teaching of Jesus and says, "That's _____," doesn't really understand Jesus.

- We might have _____ Him, too.

Luke 14:15-24:

The parable:

"A certain man" = _____.

The Great Banquet = The _____.

The "invited guests" = the _____.

The servant = _____.

The man instructs the servant to bring in the _____ of society.

If you're a Christian, this parable should make you feel

_____.

What makes us ambivalent about the Kingdom of God:

1. We are _____.
 - _____, _____, and _____.
 - The greatest threat to Christianity in America is _____.

2. We don't like what is being _____.
 - Some Christians might be more in love with _____ than with Jesus.

3. We feel like we _____ it.

How we enter the banquet: with _____ and _____.

Questions for Reflection and Application:

Read Jesus' parable in Luke 14:15-24. Then read the passage immediately before it Luke 14:1-14.

1. What connection do you see between these passages? After reading verses 1-14, can you see why Jesus tells the parable in verses 15-24?
2. In verse 15, what do you think was the motivation of the man who said "blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God?"
3. When you hear the phrase "Kingdom of God," what comes to mind?
4. How would you compare the "Kingdom of God" to heaven? Are they the same thing?
5. What do the following passages say about the Kingdom of God?
 - Matthew 5:2-10
 - Matthew 6:9-10
 - Matthew 13:44-45
 - Romans 14:17-18

In the message, Kory said this parable indicates three reasons why people are ambivalent about the Kingdom:

1. We're preoccupied.
2. We don't like what was being served at the "banquet." (i.e. we don't like the upside-down values of the Kingdom)
3. We feel like we deserve it.