**A Loaded Roster**

**Luke 14:1-24**

**Recap:**

* **Bad People (Luke 5:27-32)**
* **Surprise Guest (Luke 7:36-50)**
  + **Meals and Mission (v. 36)**
  + **Party Crasher (vv. 37-40)**
  + **Debt of Forgiveness (vv. 41-50)**
* **Luke 14:1-24**
* **Jesus once again invited to dine at a Pharisees house, but this time is a ruler of the Pharisees.**
* **Once again there is controversy.**
* **After the controversy, Jesus is going to tell three parables involving a wedding feast, which you are invited too. A Great Banquet and your Invitation List. A Great Banquet and God’s Invitation List.**

1. **You are Cordially Invited (vv. 7-11)**
   1. **He had noticed how they had chosen places of honor.**
   2. **Jesus deals with a comparable situation in Mark 10:35-45**
   3. **Choose the Lowest Place, Be Last. You will be honored if you do so.**
   4. **Proverbs 25:6-7**
2. **My Invitation List**
   1. **Reciprocate System, Payback System (Positive)**
   2. **5 Star People had over 5 Star People**
   3. **Jesus is interested in who you include in your life.**
   4. **It is not about food. You are including them in your life.**
   5. **When you invite you are including them.**
   6. **There are plenty of people who have plenty of food but are spiritually famished.**
   7. **They starve for Friendship, Peace, for attention. Pursue Matters of the Heart. Hungry for Grace. Aroma of Joy.**
   8. **Do not be afraid to invite people to your wonderful but flawed life for those who need a taste of Grace.**
   9. **We may not realize how spiritually hungry people are.**
   10. **Tim Chester in the book “A Meal with Jesus”**
       1. **You do not have to give a little sermon, just be attentive to people and open to your faith.**
       2. **Jim Peterson: It is my observations that any Christian who is seeking to walk with God despite all his flaws is reflecting something of Christ.**
3. **God’s Invitation List (vv. 15-24)**
   1. **2nd Invitation (Meal set out first)**
   2. **Collaborated meant to shame the host.**
   3. **We are the poor, the crippled the blind and lame.**
   4. **Who God includes I need to include.**
   5. **Simon Carey Holt**
      1. **Setting a table, cooking a meal, washing the dishes provides a context in which people feel loved and welcome and where God’s Spirit can be at work in our lives.**

**Conclusion:**

* **You have been invited but do not go for the best but the lowest.**
* **We should include people who are spiritually hungry in our lives.**
* **God’s invitation list includes you and me who is desperate need of grace and mercy.**

**WHO WILL YOU INCLUDE IN YOUR LIFE TODAY?**