

Filling The **Open** **Chair**

Luke 14:15-24



Turning Singapore Godward



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Winning The Youth
Blessing The Nations



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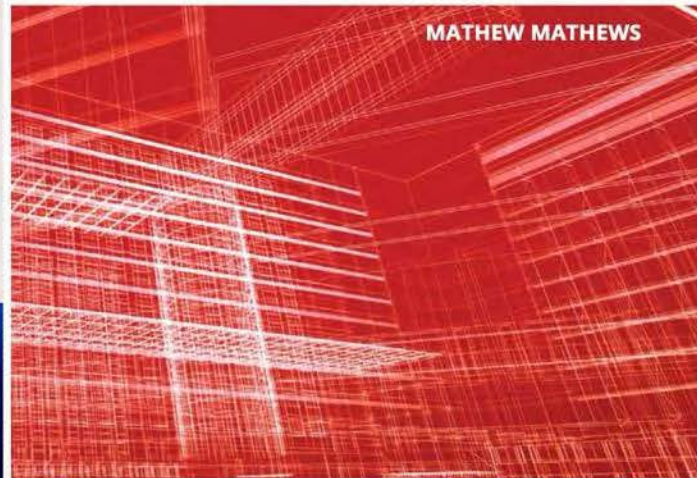
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FAITH AND WORK

A NATIONAL SURVEY OF SINGAPOREAN
CHRISTIANS IN THE MARKETPLACE



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¹⁵ 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."



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¹⁶ Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests.



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¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'



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¹⁸ "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'



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¹⁹ "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'



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²⁰ "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'



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²¹ "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.'



Luke 14:15-24

²² "'Sir,' the servant said,
'what you ordered has been done,
but there is still room.'



Luke 14:15-24

²³ "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.'



Luke 14:15-24

²⁴ I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.”



Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD Almighty
will prepare a feast of rich food for
all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.



Isaiah 25:6-9

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;



Isaiah 25:6-9

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign LORD will wipe away
the tears from all faces; he will
remove his people's disgrace from
all the earth. The LORD has spoken.



Isaiah 25:6-9

⁹ In that day they will say,
"Surely this is our God; we trusted
in him, and he saved us. This is
the LORD, we trusted in him; let us
rejoice and be glad in his salvation."



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Luke 14:16

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Luke 14:18

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Luke 14:19

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1. Unyielding Hearts
— Don't Give Up
(verse 21)



Luke 14:21

²¹ "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.'



2 Peter 3:9

⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, **not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.**



Luke 14:21

²¹ "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.'



**2. Embracing Hearts
— Make Space For More
(verse 22-23)**



Luke 14:22-23

²² "'Sir,' the servant said,
'what you ordered has been done,
but **there is still room.**'



Luke 14:22-23

²³ "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.



Luke 14:23 (NLT)

²³ So his master said, 'Go out into the
country lanes and behind the hedges
and urge anyone you find to come,
so that the house will be full.





Luke 15:20

²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.



Luke 14:23

²³ "Then the master told his servant,
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and **compel** them to come in, so that
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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. When you've tried reaching out to someone and it didn't go the way you hoped—maybe they weren't interested or even rejected your invitation—how do you usually respond? What helps you stay hopeful and keep showing love instead of giving up?
2. Jesus told His followers to go out to the roads and country lanes and invite people in. What might that look like for us today? How can we make space for others in our small group, our church, or even in our everyday lives?
3. Who might God be putting on your heart lately—someone who needs an invitation, encouragement, or just someone to sit with? What's one simple way we could each take a step toward that this week?

