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Reflections on the Church Assessment Survey

As Northshore is called to reach out, we can learn from the parable of The Great Banquet. Luke 14:15-33

I. The General Invitation

“And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.’” Luke 14:23

A. The Preparation

But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many.” Luke 14:16

B. The Guests

C. The Excuses

“But they all alike began to make excuses . . .” Luke 14:18a

Two obstacles:

1. Possessions

“And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’” Luke 14:19

2. Relationships

“And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’” Luke 14:20

The Bottom Line: Do whatever it takes.

II. The Specific Invitation

Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, Luke 14:25

Counting the cost of discipleship:

A. In my relationships

“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:26

B. In my rights

“Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:27

C. In my possessions

“So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:33