

Some thoughts to consider as we prepare to look at the Parable of "The Great Banquet" (Luke 14:12-24)

) Why do you think Jesus uses parables as he interacts with his followers and detractors?

) What is the best party/celebration you have ever been to?

) Have you ever made up an excuse so you didn't have to attend some event?

) Did you ever go to an event and it turned out dramatically different (much better or worse) than you expected?