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Series Title: THE POWER OF AN INVITE
Key Scripture: Luke 14:16-24
Recorded Sermon:
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Date + Speaker: Pastor Mark Scarr – April 6th, 2025

Starter:
Can you think of a time when someone invited you to something that changed your life—or at least made a big impact? What made that invite special?

Discussion:

1. What does it reveal about God's heart that He extends His invitation to those in the streets and alleys—the overlooked, the broken, and the forgotten? (Luke 14:21)

2. Jesus said the servant was to "compel them to come in." How can you lovingly compel others to experience God's invitation? What does "compel" look like in your situation—your job, family, or community? (Luke 14:23)

3. When the master says, "There is still room," what does that say about God's kingdom? (Luke 14:22)

4. Why might expanding the invitation be challenging for some believers today? What kinds of personal barriers—such as fear, judgment, or discomfort—can make this difficult?
(Luke 14:21–23)

5. Why is expanding the invite considered critical in the parable?
(Luke 14:21a, 24)

6. In the parable, the servant was sent to unexpected places to find guests. What might it look like for the church to follow this example and reach beyond its usual circles? Where might the “roads and country lanes” be in today’s world?
(Luke 14:21–23)

7. The servant didn’t give up after inviting the first group. How can you develop that kind of perseverance when sharing your faith? How do you stay encouraged when people say “no”?
(Luke 14:21–23)

8. How does this parable challenge the common assumptions about who belongs in God’s kingdom? (Luke 14:21–23)

Diving Deeper:

Can you identify someone in your life who may feel uninvited or forgotten? What could you do this week to extend God’s invitation to them?