



Master Story-Teller #11

The Great Banquet

Sunday, Oct 17, 2021
Gahanna campus

WELCOME (15 minutes)

- **Ice Breaker:** Tell about one of the nicest places you have ever eaten.

WORSHIP (10 minutes)

- Using your favorite streaming service, sing together “**Until Grace**” by Tauren Wells. Lyrics on the back. *(If you don't know this song – just listen & join in when you can!)*

WIN (15 minutes)

- Plan a **fun** activity to do together.
- Plan a **servicing** activity to do together.

WORD (25 minutes)

1. Read Luke 14: 15-24: Parables are stories told by Jesus that have a deeper meaning. What's the deeper meaning or meanings in this parable? Who do each of the characters represent?
2. Just like the master in this story God is giving each of us an invitation to draw closer to Him. Maybe that invitation is to believe in Him for the very first time, or maybe it's an invitation to take your next step in discipleship. We all have a next step. If God handed you an invitation today, what would it say? Examples could include spending more time with Him, sharing your faith, making disciples, getting plugged-in to community, stepping into a service opportunity, or a host of other things.
3. Many Bible scholars have retitled this parable the Parable of the Excuses because of the three outrageous excuses. It's easy to judge the three people that chose menial tasks over the invitation to the great banquet, but the reality is that we've all given excuses at some point and chose menial things over God's invitation. What are the most common excuses people give for not taking their next step toward Christ? What's holding you back from accepting God's invitation to you?
4. If you are a Christian, then you are the servant in this parable called to extend the invite to believe in Jesus to those around you. But did you know that 8 out of 10 Bible believing Christians have not shared their faith with anyone in the last six months? What is holding us back and what can we do about it? Finish by praying that God would give you his heart and burden for the lost and that you would be bold in sharing your faith.

WORKS (25 minutes)

- Break down into smaller units of 2 or 3s to pray with and for each other!

“Until Grace” by Tauren Wells

I knew I was broken but there was no one that I could tell
Praying felt like I was throwing pennies in a wishing well
And I started believing I was cursed to carry this weight
I was listing the reasons of why I should walk away

Until grace called my name
Oh, I didn't know I could be free
Until grace found me
Until grace broke these chains
Oh, I didn't know I could be free
Until grace found, Your grace found me

I might be looking at a future full of question marks
But I don't have to have all of the answers if You have my heart
In You I'm finding redemption a little more with every breath
Brand new like the morning and I'll never forget that

Until grace called my name (until grace)
Oh, I didn't know I could be free
Until grace found me (oh, found me)
Until grace broke these chains (broke these chains)
Oh, I didn't know I could be free (I could be free)
Until grace found, Your grace found me (your grace found me)

You came like force of nature, knocked down every wall I made
You rescued my soul when I thought there was no escape, no
You came like force of nature, knocked down every wall I made
You rescued my soul when I thought there was no escape

Until grace, oh
Uh, tell it to Him

Until grace (until grace) called my name (called my name)
Oh, I didn't know I could be free (I didn't know I could be free)
Until grace found me
Until grace
Until grace broke these chains (broke these chains)
I didn't know I could be free
Until grace found, Your grace found me (Your grace found me)
Oh, oh thank You, Jesus
Your grace found me