

Living the abundant life

¹⁵ When one of those reclining with Him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is everyone who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."

¹⁶ But Jesus replied, "A certain man prepared a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷ When it was time for the banquet, he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

¹⁸ But one after another they all began to make excuses. The first one said, 'I have bought a field and I need to go see it. Please excuse me.'

¹⁹ Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out. Please excuse me.'

²⁰ Still another said, 'I have married a wife, so I cannot come.'

²¹ The servant returned and reported all this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the city, and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.'

²² 'Sir,' the servant replied, 'what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.'

²³ So the master told his servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴ For I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will taste my banquet.'

Luke 14:15-24

Jesus said: I came that they all may have life, and have it abundantly.
John 10:10

Abundant Life is 15-17

The is obvious. 15
Ecclesiastes 3:10-11

The is obvious. 16
John 14:1-6, 1 Corinthians 2:9-10
Ephesians 2:10, 2 Timothy 2:21-26

The is obvious. 16-17
Isaiah 55:1, Matthew 11:28

Abundant Life is 18-20

Better than 18
Mark 8:36

Better than 19

Better than 20

Abundant Life is 21-24

Abundance includes 21
Numbers 32:13, Mark 3:5
Ephesians 4:26-27, Psalm 40:5

Abundance includes 21-23
1 Corinthians 1:26-27, Revelation 7:9-10

Abundance includes 24
Matthew 7:22-23

My prayer priorities for the week beginning 19 September 2021

S 19 Sopi, Marieta, Jayden

M 20 Alison and Richard, Brian

T 21 Bianca. Vi-Lay.

W 22 André and Emma

T 23 Aileen and George

F 24 Phil and Louise. Mark, Lisa and Thomas.

S 25 Angela. Lerida.

S 26 Steve and Jenni. Snezhana.

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. Make a list of words that help to describe Abundant Life.
2. Jesus promised us Eternal Life (John 10:28) and Abundant Life (John 10:10). In what ways are these different from each other; and which one comes first?
3. A friend wants to receive Eternal Life. How can you help them take that step?
4. A friend wants to experience Abundant Life. What advice would you give to help them?
5. People in this parable assumed they would miss out on possessions (v18), experiences (v19), or relationships (v20) if they came to God. What might you say that could redirect their thinking?
6. People whom God invited to join Him (v16-17) are ultimately excluded (v24). Is God fair?
7. What are the easiest ways to make life Abundant?

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