

- **■**Background:
 - Prior to this teaching.
 - Jesus healing on the Sabbath. vv.1-6
 - ■Teaching in parables. vv.7-24
 - ■The prior parables.
 - Parable of the Guest. vv.8-14
 - Parable of the Wedding Feast.
 vv.16-24

- We Must First Come to Jesus (v.26a):
 - The prerequisite of being a disciple.
 - Consider the Rich Young Ruler of Matthew 19:16.
 - Have we come to Jesus?

- Must Be Willing to Sacrifice (vv.26-27, 33)
 - ► All other relationships v.26
 - Hate Matthew 10:37
 - ■To "hate" in context is to love all others less than Jesus.
 - **■** Yourself vv.26b-27, 33
 - Consider the Rich Young Ruler again. Matthew 19:21-22

- Must Do So Fully Informed (vv.28-32)
 - Jesus gives two warnings through two different parables with the same lesson.
 - Building a tower.vv.28-30
 - ► A King Going to War. vv.31-32