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Some
questions I
need to ask
myself before
it's too late

The good soil: Those
who hear, keep and apply
the word of God



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Luke 14

- ❖ When invited to a wedding feast do not sit in the best place; go sit in the lowest place
 - Do I seek the best for myself over others?
- ❖ Do not invite friends, relatives, rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back and you be repaid. Invite those who can't repay you and you will be blessed and repaid at the resurrection of the just.
 - Do I show partiality to those who can repay me?

❖ The invitation to the Great Supper:

➤ a piece of land / 5 yoke of oxen / just got married

❖ Invite the poor, maimed, lame, blind. No distractions to keep them from coming.

➤ Do I give a higher priority to work, income, family or events over my invitation to God's house?

➤ What am I teaching my kids?

❖ The child born in a palace vs. the convert

- ❖ Great multitudes went with Him
- ❖ “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.” (Luke 14:26)
 - Why do I ...?
 - Am I just following the herd or do I have a very personal and intimate relationship with God for me personally?
 - If no one else did it, would I?



- ❖ The reading from last Saturday Matthew 16
 - Who do the people say that I am?
 - But who do you say that I am?
- ❖ Yes, there are great multitudes around Me, but who do you say that I am?
- ❖ Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 7:21)
- ❖ Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not ... in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me (Matthew 7:22-23)
- ❖ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you. (Matthew 25:11-12)

Unless you hate ...

- ❖ “He who loves father, mother, son daughter etc.. more than Me is not worthy of Me.”
(Matthew 10)
- ❖ At the sea of Tiberias in John 21
 - Do you love Me? Do you love Me? Do you love Me?
- ❖ You are the salt of the earth (Matthew 5). Do not be satisfied with just being salt.
- ❖ Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, it is good for nothing but to be thrown out

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The Nativity Fast

- ❖ Before I receive Him as my King and my Savior,
- ❖ He is asking me:
 - Are you just following the herd? And in reality, are there other priorities that are higher than ME?
 - Who do you say that I am?
 - Do you love me?