## **Preaching Evangelistically in the Local Church: Sample Talk**

It is one thing to talk about evangelism, but it is another thing to show it. This session will show how a gifted evangelist crafts an evangelistic talk for a local church context.

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## I. Luke 14.16-24 ' Don't miss the party!'

A. Summary: An evangelistic talk, perhaps at the end of a mission to show the attractiveness of the Christian life, to show how worthless common excuses are, and to challenge for response

## II. Jesus' preaching fascinated and amazed his hearers. Notice:

A. An amazing invitation

B. An amazing description

C. An amazing offer

D. An amazing set of excuses

E. An amazing note of urgency