



Honouring The Least | Luke 14:1-24

1. Can you think of a time when you have felt like an outsider, uninvited or unwanted for any reason? Why did this happen? Describe your emotions.
2. As you think about the Pharisees, what words would you use to describe the way they lived out their role in society? Is it fair to suggest that they were judgemental hypocrites? Are there any areas of your own life where you struggle to synchronise that which you profess with your lived-practice? Share as you feel able.
3. What did Jesus think of the Pharisees? Take a look at Matthew 23 to get an idea.
4. As you read about the dinner party Jesus attends, what most strikes you about the description of it in Luke 14? Have you ever experienced anything similar or even behaved in a similar way?
5. Discuss the situation in verses 1-4. Is the sick man nothing more than bait to trap Jesus? How does this thought make you feel? Can you think of a contemporary situation where a person or a people group are being 'used' by a societal leader/society in such a way?
6. Look at the two parables Jesus shares. What's his big message in each? Discuss. How are the two parables related and what are the themes Jesus develops in each? Who is Jesus speaking to in each parable?
7. How do you interpret the question asked by the person breaking the silence in verse 15? What does Jesus' response reveal about the desires of God?
8. How have you responded to God's invitation to His great banquet? What even is the banquet? Who are those that we (humanly-speaking) might be tempted to exclude who Jesus would welcome? How might Jesus respond to our answers given the content of his first parable? Sensitively and with humility, discuss.
9. If you have time, think about what Jesus says in Luke 14:25-24. How does this section connect to all that's come before in Luke 14?



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

