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1. The difference between being humiliated and being humble is based on where you choose to sit

Luke 14:1, 7-11

2. You demonstrate the heart of God when you include people who can't repay you

Luke 14:12-14

James 2:1-7

3. The extent of God's invitation means that there are no outcasts

Luke 14:15-24

Now What?

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Week of March 18

More Than a Meal #4 – Invite the Outcast

Home Groups are a place to build friendships, talk about what we are learning, and walk through life together. Please join in at www.trinityonline.org.



Share It

What indicates that social standing is now huge in America?
When did it become something you thought about?



Study the Bible

Jesus tells a story in Luke 14:1-15 with two fulfillments: present and future. The backdrop of this story is Jesus' promise to host a feast in the kingdom of God. (13:29)

Read 14:1-6. What is the setting? Who, When, What? (1)

The Pharisees were "watching" because they considered themselves the authority on what is "lawful." How does Jesus' miracle and explanation challenge their self-assigned position of importance?

Read 14:7-12

What triggered Jesus' parable? What is at the root of the "guests'" choices? (7)

What did Jesus say to do? (8,10) What would this require of them?

What is the promise / principle that Jesus applied? (11)

How did Jesus apply this to who is invited? (12-13)

What is the reward for this humble choice? (14-15)

Who is the host to the kingdom meal? Who is invited? (15)



Discuss Together

Why is social standing so important to us? What is at the root of this concern?

How does aiming for social standing affect our decisions?

How do Jesus' words in 13-14 reflect God's 'all-are-welcome' heart kingdom?

How might Jesus' story about including people change us?



Pray

- Pray for people you want to invite to Easter services
- Pray for us to have God's 'all-are-welcome' heart
- Pray for our "Light and Power" ministry



Apply It This Week

Pray for the people in your world and whom you might invite.