

THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT BANQUET

Luke 14:12-24

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. HUMBLE YOURSELF UNDER THE FREENESS OF THE KINGDOM
2. HUMBLE YOURSELF UNDER THE COMMONNESS OF THE KINGDOM
3. HUMBLE YOURSELF UNDER THE IMPORTANCE OF THE KINGDOM

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. This week's message was on the parable of the great banquet or "feast" out of Luke 14. What comes to mind when you think of a feast? How does your view of Christianity compare to your view of a feast?
3. All three main ideas this week had to do with humbling ourselves. Of the three aspects of God's kingdom we looked at this week (freeness, commonness, importance), which one do you have the hardest time accepting and living in light of? What excites you about these aspects of God's kingdom?
4. When considering the freeness of the kingdom, Pastor Ryan talked about how we are naturally obsessed with our performance. We try to add our efforts to the free gift of the gospel. Why is this a problem? What does "humbling ourselves to the freeness of the kingdom" look like?
5. In the parable of the great banquet the only people who end up coming to the banquet are the poor, maimed, blind and lame. Most of us are wealthy by the world's standards. What should we do with this warning? What are some ways that wealth (or lack of wealth) can affect the way you view yourself and others?
6. The people in this parable who declined to come to the banquet all made excuses for why they couldn't make it. They expected the banquet to not affect their normal lives. What are some things about Christianity that seem inconvenient to you? How do you respond to these "inconveniences?"
7. **OPEN DISCUSSION:** Since this week's parable was about a feast, take some time as a group to talk about the significance of the table throughout scripture and ways we can use our tables as a center of ministry.

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: God wants His house full.