

Use the questions below to help extend the impact of the weekend message. They are not only useful in your LifeGroup, but try discussing with your family, friends, and co-workers for even greater understanding and spiritual growth.

Luke 14:1-24 - Small Group Discussion -

Introduction:

- Begin with a brief prayer, asking for insight and openness in discussing the scripture.
- Recap the setting: Jesus is dining at the house of a prominent Pharisee on the Sabbath, where he both heals and teaches.

Reading the Passage:

• Read Luke 14:1-24 aloud or have different members read sections.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Humility at the Banquet (Luke 14:7-11)
 - What does Jesus' parable about choosing seats at a wedding feast teach us about humility?
 - Discuss personal experiences where humility or the lack thereof played a significant role.
 - How did it affect the situation?
- 2. Hospitality and the Invited Guests (Luke 14:12-14)
 - Why does Jesus suggest inviting the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind instead of friends or relatives?
 - Brainstorm ways your group and/or our church could practice this kind of hospitality.
- 3. The Parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24)
 - What do the excuses given by the invited guests represent in our modern context?
 - Discuss the concept of "making room" at the banquet for those who were not originally invited. What does this say about God's kingdom?

Application:

• Personal Reflection: How do you feel challenged by this passage in terms of your own humility, hospitality, or participation in God's kingdom?

Prayer Time:

• Close with a prayer, focusing on: Asking for the grace to live out humility and true hospitality and seeking guidance to recognize and break down barriers that prevent others from experiencing God's invitation to His banquet.

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