

**PARABLE OF THE INVITED GUESTS**

Luke 14:7-14

This discussion is for the Friday Morning Men’s Fellowship teaching series, “The Parables”, available at leadmin.org/parables.



Use one of these to get the group talking about today’s topic:

• If you could have dinner with or spend the day with any current or historical figure, who would it be, and why?

* Do you (or your spouse) like to have guests over to your house, or to entertain family and friends? Why or why not?
* What group of people do you most like to spend time with, and why? Family? Fellow sports fans? People who share the same hobby?



Go in-depth with these questions. Based on your available time, choose 3-4 that you believe are most thought-provoking:

• Jesus is at a dinner at a religious leader’s house and notices the social hierarchy, with guests jockeying for the best seats at the table. How is this situation like our culture today?

* Read Luke 14:8-11. Jesus’ story is about taking the lower position instead of the higher one. Why did Jesus want us to do this?
* Read Luke 14:11. What does Jesus mean by this sentence?
* Read Luke 14:12-14. In this second story about social order, Jesus talks about who to invite. What does Jesus say about inviting those who cannot repay you?
* What does Jesus want our position to be with respect to high places in society? Why is this important?
* When and where will the reward of Christ-followers eventually come?
* Is there instruction in these verses about how we should treat other people? What is Jesus saying to us about our culture’s hierarchy?



• What is one way you might “humble yourself” or put yourself last this week?

* What can you do this week to bless those who cannot repay you?
* Is your attitude like Jesus’ when it comes to “places of honor at the table”? If not, what is God telling you to adjust in your life and leadership?