

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Scripture: Luke 14:1-11



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus teaches that human life is valuable and worthy of honor and respect and confronts the sin of pride, the arrogant elevation of oneself over others.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

1. Who were the Pharisees, and what were they known for? What motivated the Pharisees to invite this man with dropsy to dinner?
2. Why did the religious leaders find it difficult to answer Jesus' question (verses 3-4)?
3. Why did Jesus attend the dinner knowing that they meant to entrap him? What does this reveal about him and exemplify how we should relate to others, particularly those who deride us?
4. What did Jesus notice about those attending the dinner (verse 7)? Why do we tend to seek the seat of highest honor?
5. Discuss the difference between sinful pride (self-centered preoccupation) and sound "pride" (a healthy sense of self-worth and satisfaction in self or others).
6. Where are some places where our culture directs us and our sinful hearts take us to acquire dignity, value, and worth? What happens when we seek these apart from God?
7. What Kingdom principle is Jesus teaching in verses 7-11 (1 Peter 5:5)? Share some examples of when you selfishly sought the "seat of honor"? How do we guard against pride?
8. Discuss how the Sabbath miracle (verses 1-6) and the parable of the wedding feast (verses 7-11) point to the gospel (Philippians 2:6-9).