



## The Gospel of Luke

### Week 13 Discussion Questions

Week of 11/20/22

**Text:** Luke 14. *Each campus will again emphasize different sections of the chapter this week, so we recommend choosing questions from below that were part of the sermon you heard in Thornton, Boulder, or Erie. Also, feel free to take on questions from parts of the chapter that weren't covered in the sermon but that you read together in your group.*

**Icebreaker:** Are you the kind of person who loves to throw or attend a dinner party? If so, what do you like most about them? If not, what don't you like about them?

**1.** We've seen this before—Jesus again heals on the Sabbath, leading to conflict with the religious leaders. What does Jesus do to turn the tables on the Pharisees who “were watching him carefully” (v. 1)?

*Application:* These first 6 verses are yet another reminder that Jesus was never caught off-guard by their schemes. How can this observation help us trust Jesus in our own lives?

**2.** What character trait or quality is Jesus calling for in verses 7-11? What is it about a formal social event, like a wedding feast, that might inspire someone to seek out “a place of honor” (v. 8)?

*Application:* In what situations or settings do you see something like this play out in our day? What would it look like for someone to start off “in the lowest place” (v. 9)?

**3.** In verses 12-14, Jesus instructs the host to, in the future, invite those who can't pay him back. What reason does Jesus give and what does he mean by it?

*Application:* What do you think this looks like for us to follow Jesus's instruction here?

**4.** In verses 15-24, what do you think of the excuses that Jesus describes from those who turn down the invitation? Why?

*Application:* What kind of excuses are you familiar with that people use to avoid following Jesus faithfully?

**5.** In verses 21-24, the angry master of the house tells his servants to invite those who weren't on the original guest list—both in the city and then outside the city “that my house may be filled.” What parallels do you see between this parable and the way the gospel has been spread throughout history?

*Application:* Do you see yourself in any part of this parable? If so, where do you see your role depicted?

**6.** What overarching message do you think Jesus is communicating to the “great crowds” in verses 25-33? What purpose do you think Jesus has in these verses?

*Application:* How does the description of these verses compare with your own experience of following Jesus? (Note: commentators explain that “hate” in verse 26 is a comparison and can mean “love less”)

*Application:* In your opinion and experience, do you think the cost of being a disciple is something that is emphasized or minimized today? Explain what you mean.

**7.** Verses 34-35 make the simple point that un-salty salt (i.e. salt that has become so full of impurities) is of no value. How do you think this “salt [that] has lost its taste” is like a person who fails to account for the cost of following Jesus?

*Application:* What resources or opportunities do you have at Calvary that can help you “stay salty?”

**8.** This is a tough chapter! No one in these 35 verses gets off easy...with the possible exception of the man whom Jesus heals. What’s your main takeaway from the sermon you heard at your campus and the challenging words of this chapter?