

Isaiah 55:1-2, 6-7; James 2:1-9; Luke 14:1-24

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## Notes

### TODAY'S BIG IDEA

The Great Banquet of Jesus displays and embodies God's upside-down Kingdom.

### Reflection Questions

Why do we find it hard to humble ourselves? In spite of his gracious invitation, what excuses do we offer today to the host of the Great Feast?

In relation to Jesus' words regarding the Great Banquet, how do we see ourselves: as INSIDERS (those who think we deserve an invitation) or OUTSIDERS (those who know we should not be on the guest list)?

How has the Gospel of Jesus Christ granted you access to the banquet? What does the upside-down Kingdom of God look like practically in our day-to-day lives?

How does Jesus change how we see and interact with others, especially people who are suffering, are on the margins of society, and are considered disposable in a throwaway culture?

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Robert Karris, *Eating Your Way Through Luke's Gospel*  
Daniel Price & Erick Sorensen, *Scandalous Stories: A Sort of Commentary on Parables*  
N.T. Wright, *Luke For Everyone*

**Next Week's Verses:** Amos 8:4-8; 1 Timothy 6:6-11; Luke 16:1-15

## Digging Deeper



For More Information

## Talk Topics

Why do we find it hard to humble ourselves before Jesus?

What excuses do we offer to the host of the Great Feast?

How does Jesus change how we see and interact with others, especially people who suffer and are on the margins of society?

As a result of hearing today's message, what is one thing that God is calling me to believe or do for the sake of others?

## Joining Jesus on His Mission

Discuss these with your family or missional community this week.

- How did you see God at work in your life this week?
- What has God been teaching you in His Word?
- What kind of conversations are you having with your pre-Christian friends?
- What good can you do around here?
- How can we help you in prayer?

### Further Study and Discussion throughout the week

In Luke 14, Jesus attends a dinner and teaches about humility, specifically about those who exalt themselves versus those who humble themselves.

This week read the scripture passages below. What is Jesus revealing about Himself? What is Jesus revealing about us? What is being revealed about God's Kingdom?

**Sunday**—Luke 14:1-24  
Parable of the Great Feast

**Monday**—Isaiah 25:6-8  
Feast of Salvation

**Tuesday**—John 6:47-58  
Jesus is the Bread of Life

**Wednesday**—Luke 5:27-32  
Banquet with Tax Collectors and Sinners

**Thursday**—Luke 15:22-32  
Banquet for the Lost & Found Son

**Friday**—Luke 22:17-20  
Last Supper with the Disciples

**Saturday**—Luke 24:13-35  
Resurrection Meal of Hope