



SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Big Idea: The table is a place for mission

Icebreaker: If you could have a meal with 3 people from any point in history who would you invite and why?

Context: Jesus, along with his disciples, were at a Sabbath dinner party that he was invited to by the ruler of the Pharisees. The religious leaders were watching Jesus carefully but He was interested in teaching them a lesson. He had just healed a man on the Sabbath and was criticizing the religious leaders for their selfish and prideful motives as they cared more about their social standing than caring for social outcasts.

Passage: Read Luke 14:12-24 and then pray.

Bible Discussion

1. If you are going to throw a party who does Jesus tell us not to invite and who to invite? What's his reasoning for doing so?
2. How can invitations reveal motivations in people?
3. What can we learn about Jesus's heart and motivations by who he wants to invite?
4. How would you summarize the story Jesus tells in v.16-24?
5. What point is Jesus trying to make by telling this parable?
6. How have you seen people use their tables as a place for ministry and to build relationships with people?

Next Step

7. What excuses are you prone to give when it comes to spending time with God and his people?
8. How can our small group use hospitality and meals as a way to live on mission?

Gospel Connection

We are the poor, the blind, the crippled, and the lame that Jesus invites into table fellowship. We are spiritually poor with nothing to offer for our salvation. We are spiritually crippled who are made powerless by sin. We are spiritually blind unable to see the truth about Jesus. We are spiritually lame unable to come to God on our own. The gospel shows us that Jesus loves and welcomes the broken to come to him for hope and healing.

Celebrate and Care

Close out your group time by sharing prayer requests.

MESSAGE NOTES

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Ministry happens around a table!
Luke 14:12-24

Our table is a place for mission

1. The _____ behind your _____. (vs. 12-14)

2. Be _____, not _____. (vs. 15)

3. Mission is _____; excuses are _____. (vs. 16-20)

4. _____ with the mission of _____. (vs. 21-24)

