



LUKE CHAPTER 14 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- Do you consider yourself to generally care very much about what people think, very little, or somewhere in between and why?
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.
- Please use your own style, voice, and approach in preparing for leading your life group. Most importantly, take a few minutes to pray over the time together with you group and pray over each group member by name.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Read the Story (Luke 14:1-35)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Luke 14:1-6

- Why is it significant that Jesus was willing to enter the house of a Pharisee and have table fellowship with him over a meal?
 - Jesus and the Pharisees frequently were at odds and the Pharisees were constantly trying to trap Him and yet, He still loved them deeply and sought to spend time with them.

- What people do you avoid that perhaps God has placed in your life to get to know?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.

- In verse 1, the word that Luke uses for watching has the meaning behind it that Jesus was under constant scrutiny from all angles, which makes what Jesus does even more stunning. Why?
 - Jesus healed the man with dropsy (excessive amounts of fluid in an individual's tissue) and the healing was done on the sabbath. This is stunning because Jesus didn't hide or run from his critics. Rather, He lived boldly and courageously in full view of them all.

 - What is inspiring about Jesus' actions here and what is convicting about Jesus' actions to you personally?
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Luke 14:7-15

- At Jewish weddings, the seating was such that it demonstrated the status and influence of people. While we don't have this custom in our particular contexts today, in what arenas do we care deeply about our status, position, and influence? What are some things that Jesus says here that stick out to you and what do you believe He is calling you to?
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Luke 14:16-24

- If we view the excuses that the invitees to the banquet made in the following way, which excuse do you use the most when it comes to resisting what God desires you to do?
 - Buying a piece of land = material possessions
 - Yoke of oxen = work
 - Just married = relationships

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Luke 14:25-35

- Do you agree or disagree with the following quote and why?

- “The greatest danger of idolatry comes not from what is bad, but from what is good—such as love in family relationships. The greatest threat to the best often comes from the second best.” (William Barclay)
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- Why does Jesus encourage those who desire to follow Him to consider and weigh the costs involved in following Him?
 - Jesus has invited us to go all in on a journey with Him and although this all-in journey is so worth it, it is a journey that will turn our lives upside down in glorious ways. It is a journey where God will not allow us to be comfortable but rather one in which He will invite us to be transformed.
 - What does weighing the costs of following Jesus daily look like in your own life?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time.

Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week. (Luke chapter 15)



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