



The Storyteller: Wedding Feast

LUKE 14:7-14 | OCTOBER 31 & NOVEMBER 1, 2015

This week we are entering into a new series that explores 5 parables found in Luke 14 and 15. Over the next 4 weeks we will discover Jesus as a master storyteller who accomplishes the feat of both engaging the hearers (readers) but of also surprising us with deep insights or unexpected twists to help broaden our understanding of the goodness of God and His love for us.

WITH THE GROUP



LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

Describe a story that is meaningful to you? (movie, book, something someone told you, etc.) After everyone has shared, consider as a group what makes a story meaningful?



LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

What are parables and how are they used in the Bible?

Is Jesus' advice to sit at the end of the table an offer of good social advice (to avoid being embarrassed) or something deeper?



LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What is something from the Scripture (Luke 14:7-14) or the sermon that taught you something new about God? Was there anything that surprised you, informed you or helped you see God and His love differently?

Throughout the New Testament who are some of the people you see Jesus embracing and who are the people he seems to save his strongest words for? What is the reason that he behaves this way? What does this suggest about God? (Out of curiosity...is it really better to extort your friends as a tax collector than to be praying with formal and lengthy prayers in the synagogue?)



LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

What are some real examples of humble kindness/service you have noticed this past month in your life or the lives around you?

What is something you can do to humble yourself this week?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Isaiah 6:1-8. Read the story slowly and imagine the arc of emotions for Isaiah through this experience. What is he feeling initially? How are his 5 senses involved? What is the low point and the high point for him? Why was this vision so important in launching Isaiah? Why do you think this relates to this week's topic?

GRADUATE LEVEL

What is meant by the Scripture that says, "Without a vision, the people perish?" (Proverbs 29:18) Whose vision? What vision? What was the vision of the Pharisees? What is Jesus' vision? What is your vision? What is the relationship of the right vision and pride/humility?