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THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE

That you may have certainty!

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**INTENSE
SCRUTINY**

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THE KINGDOM OF THE HUMBLE

Luke 14:1-6
Luke 14:7-11
Luke 14:12-14

JESUS UNDER SCRUTINY

Luke 14:1-6

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Where is Jesus and why is that significant to this story?

What were His host doing while Jesus ate, and why?

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The Pharisees had laid a trap for Jesus!
(See 11:54, 14:1)

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The Greek here, often translated as "behold," suggests that it was a surprise to see the man there. Why?

What does this suggest about the setting of the event?

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Was Jesus aware of the trap;
how did He respond?

How did the lawyers and
Pharisees respond?

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Jesus now turns His
focus from debate
to instruction.

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What did Jesus do in the wake
of their silence?

How does Jesus' response
contrast with His opponents?

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LESSON ON HUMILITY

Luke 14:7-11

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⁷ He told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they would choose the best places for themselves: ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, don't recline at the best place, because a more distinguished person than you may have been invited by your host. ⁹ The one who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give your place to this man,' and then in humiliation, you will proceed to take the lowest place.

¹⁰ "But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' You will then be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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Who is doing the watching now?

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Who is Jesus speaking to and what attitude is He addressing?

Jesus tells the guests to act with humility not pride, in every situation.

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LESSON ON GENEROSITY

Luke 14:12-14

¹² He also said to the one who had invited him, "When you give a lunch or a dinner, don't invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors, because they might invite you back, and you would be repaid. ¹³ On the contrary, when you host a banquet, invite those who are poor, maimed, lame, or blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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What did Jesus have to say to His host?

Why did the hosts usually invite these people, according to Jesus?

Jesus is essentially saying "Here's how to give a party. Plan a different kind of guest list."

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Who did Jesus challenge them to invite?

Why might the hosts have thought Jesus' instruction was "ridiculous?"

What attitude was Jesus highlighting for the hosts with His teaching?

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Jesus tells them not to expect repayment, because their guests can't repay them.

So, for whom are they to do it?

When and where will they be repaid?



DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- The kingdom of God belongs to those who are humbly dedicated to Him, not to those in control of the religious institutions and other power structures.
- God desires mercy and compassion from His people and He honors selfless graciousness – humility is to be the mark of the true disciple.
- Be generous without expecting to be paid back – pay back hospitality is of no great merit to God.
- The best hospitality is that which is given, not exchanged, and true hospitality is generosity when no motive exists besides giving.
- How often do you eat with someone whose needs you can meet rather than with someone who can repay you?