



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE // PART 12 (Ch. 14)

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SERMON NOTES:

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed,
do it **ALL IN** the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through Him.
~ Colossians 3:17

Our three God-given objectives during the All In Generosity Journey:

- Increase Capacity
- Engage the Community
- Fuel Outreach

Our Big Goal – 100% Participation
Finish Strong!

Luke captures more meal-time scenes than the others. Chapter 14 details Jesus at the home of a prominent Pharisee where He was being watched.

Escalation of Tension at a Dinner Party

The first 15 verses detail rising tension as Jesus flouts social norms.

Notes:

Jesus cannot stand people being mistreated

There was a gradation of humanity in the ancient world. It is still practiced in our world. Gradations on the basis of wealth, education, status, rank, castes, class, ethnicity, race, gender – we see many ways this still plays out in many parts of our world.

“We must never forget this as a nation: there are no gradations in the image of God.”

~ Dr Martin Luther King, Jr.

Notes:

The Great Banquet

The original invitees make excuses. But the Master is still going to have a party. He tells His servant, “Go out quickly.” There is urgency in the Master’s invitation. Drop everything and make this your top priority – go and tell people to come to the party!

Notes:

Tell people to come to the party!

Turns out there are a lot of chairs because this is one big party. It is unthinkable that we can sit here and enjoy the blessings and riches of knowing God and keep it all to ourselves.

Notes:

Jesus has not stopped sending His servants out. To this day, in this very region, He is saying to His servants:
Who are the ones who think they cannot come in?
Go tell them. Give a compelling witness to them.
Tell them Jesus is their source. He is their purpose. He is their goal.
Tell them there is a place they can come and reimagine their future.
Tell them the Master has invited them to a feast.
And in this party all that was broken can now be reconciled and made whole. This is what we proclaim. We proclaim Him and the fact that He is leading a Resurrection Party.
And that there is still room at the party.

Notes:

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE PAGE

Each small group is different.
Feel free to adjust and use what best fits your group.

WARM UP:

- What was the most awkward or tense dinner party you ever attended?

ENGAGE:

- What was most impactful to you from this weekend's service?
- Read through Luke 14:16-24.

APPLY:

- Why was Jesus so upset at the Pharisee and his guests?
- Can you think of some contrasts between the party of the Pharisee and the party Jesus describes in Luke 14:16-24?
- Who is God calling you to extend the invitation to come to His party?

PRAY:

- Spend some time individually before the Lord, seeking to hear what God is saying about what we are studying these days. Close with Luke 14:34-35 as a benediction.

GOING DEEPER:

- Suggested resource – *Luke for Everyone* by N.T. Wright
- If you are not in a Small Group, there's at least one that needs you! Get started at damascus.com/groups
- Still have questions about Jesus and what it means to be a Christ follower? Send us a message at damascus@damascus.com.

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