

Lesson 14

CHAPTER 14, HUMBLE PIE, SALT AND LIGHT

Being a disciple for Jesus means putting Him first in your life: ahead of your family, ahead of your agenda, ahead of the popular mores of any given society. There is no halfway to being a follower of Jesus. You're either all in or not at all.

1. Read Luke 14:1-5. What is Jesus pointing out to the Pharisees? Read Exodus 20:8-11 and Isaiah 56:2. How do you think the Pharisees had twisted the original reason for keeping the Sabbath?

2. Read Luke 14:6-11 with Romans 12:3 and Colossians 3:12. Who do you know that exhibits godly humility? How can we keep ourselves humble?

3. What do verses 12-14 advise for those who are followers of Jesus? See also 1 Corinthians 4:5. If we struggle with our heart attitude, what is the answer according to Psalm 51:10?

4. In verses 15-24, who do you think those "invited" represent? Who does the master invite in their stead? Also reading Matthew 15:21-28, what do you learn about Jesus' initial calling and where his heart was?

5. Read the rest of Luke 14. How important is finishing the race marked out for your faith? Also see Hebrews 12:1-3.

6. Luke 14:34-35 speaks about our being salt to the world. Comparing this to Matthew 5:13-16, what are we to be as followers of Jesus? What do salt and light do for others in the natural world?

APPLICATION: Think of ways we can be salt to others. How can we be lights shining to others for Jesus in our everyday lives?

PRAYER: Glorious and gracious Father, create new hearts in each of us. If there is a shadow of pride, indifference, or superiority, convict us by the power of your Holy Spirit. May we look at our lives with sober judgment and a desire to change to be all you have called us to be. We want to be sold out to you in every area of our lives. We pray this in the holy name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.