



Repaid At The Resurrection

January 15 & 18, 2026

Ice Breaker

What's one thing you're most proud of accomplishing in the past year, and what's one thing you hope to accomplish in the coming year?

Key Verses

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

Questions

- What was most surprising or challenging about Jesus' teaching?
- How does the concept of eternal rewards change your perspective on serving others who cannot benefit you in return?
- What false beliefs might we hold onto that prevent us from fully embracing what Jesus teaches about eternal rewards? How do those false beliefs cover up a lack of humility in us?
- How can we practically apply Jesus' instruction to 'take the last place' in our daily lives and relationships?
- What does it mean to be Jesus' friend, and how does humility play a role in that friendship?
- How might our church need to grow in humility to better serve Jesus Christ's purposes for us?
- What specific ways can you serve people this week who cannot repay you, and how does knowing God will reward this service motivate you?

Life Application

This week, intentionally look for opportunities to serve or bless someone who cannot repay you - whether through time, resources, or acts of kindness. As you do this, enjoy the truth that Jesus Christ sees your service and will reward it in His future kingdom.

Key Takeaways

- True greatness in Christ's future kingdom will be given for serving those who cannot repay us
- God takes on the obligation to reward us at our resurrection when we serve those who cannot pay us back
- Pride and false beliefs prevent us from living for eternal rewards and doing what Jesus commands
- Humility is the core virtue that enables any Christian and any local church to be found great when Jesus Christ comes again
- Living for eternal rewards requires a fundamental shift in perspective and values

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your example of humility and for the incredible promise of eternal rewards. Help us to live with eternity in mind, serving others not for what we can gain now, but for the joy of pleasing You and storing up treasures in heaven. Give us the courage to humble ourselves daily, to serve those who cannot repay us, and to live as Your faithful friends. Transform our hearts to be more like Yours, and use our church to bring glory to Your name as we live for Your eternal kingdom. In Your precious name we pray, Amen.