



## In Living Color • Part 1: God's Throwing A Party

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### HANG OUT (warming up to the topic)

1. Check in to see how everyone's week was.
2. Take time to review this week's teaching and discuss your reactions. Talk about what most challenged, puzzled, and encouraged you.

### HEAR (listening to God through Scripture)

3. Do you have a favorite parable from the stories of Jesus? If so, why is it your favorite?
4. Why do you think Jesus chose to teach in parables? How do parables invite us to change our way of thinking about the world?
5. **Read Luke 14:15-24**; What first strikes you about this parable? What point do you think Jesus is trying to make in this parable? **Read Matthew 18:1-5**; How do these verses relate to the parable you just read? What is the significance of what Jesus is saying here?
6. Jesus challenges religion in three ways: 1) Religion's relationship to power (**think the last will be first, and the first shall be last**), 2) Religion's relationship to purity, and 3) Religion's relationship with boundaries. Take some time with your group to discuss how Jesus challenges each of these things. How does Jesus challenge your way of thinking on these topics?

### HUDDLE (making it personal and praying together)

7. In what ways can you take the teaching of this parable, and apply it to your life? Who are you inviting to the table? How can your small group accomplish this together?
8. End in prayer.

### MORE READING (check it out for yourself)

- *Luke for Everyone* — N.T. Wright
- *A New Vision for Israel* — Scot McKnight
- *The Parables* — Brad Young
- *Bible Background Commentary: New Testament*
- *Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible*
- *First Century Study Bible*