

Small Group Questions: Luke 14:1-11

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1. What is dropsy, and why might this particular illness be relevant to a discussion on loving our neighbor?
2. Why do you think the lawyers and Pharisees were unwilling to speak against Jesus healing the man with dropsy as they did with the woman in Luke 13:14?
3. In what ways might hypocrisy be connected to a failure to love our neighbors as ourselves?
4. How can an emphasis on being special, or on self-esteem, interfere with our ability to love our neighbors as ourselves?
5. Jesus' story is a parable, suggesting a spiritual meaning behind the physical. How does the principle in verse 11, that everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, point to a spiritual problem with the Pharisees? What is the solution?