

Our **Virtual**

PowerGroup

THE TABLE
Week 4 Study

Icebreaker

Share about a time where someone did an act of kindness for you that you were not expecting.

Passage 1 Luke 14:1-6

The Pharisees saw the crowds loving Jesus. But Jesus did everything differently from them. In today's story, it's the Sabbath and Jesus notices a man with swelled legs. Dropsy is a painful disability where your legs swell up, making it hard to walk or to sit comfortably. It was God's special day of rest, but if Jesus healed the man, he'd be breaking the religious laws of the Pharisees.

Reflection How does Jesus point out the pharisee's flawed thinking?

Read Exodus 20:8-11 What is the purpose of the Sabbath?

Read Luke 11:38-42 How were the Pharisee's breaking God's rules?

How do you set the Sabbath apart from other days in the week?

Passage 2 Luke 14:7-11

Jesus is still at the meal with the religious leaders. He chose to heal the man with swollen legs, even though it was a trap to see if he would break their Sabbath rules. Now he turns to the guests and speaks

Reflection What did Jesus notice that the other guests were doing? What did Jesus say was the problem with going for the most important seat?

Who does Jesus say is going to get the best seats in heaven around the table and how?

What is God showing and teaching us in going last? Where do we find the strength to put others above our own needs?

Passage 3 Luke 22:24-27

In this passage a dispute arose amongst the disciples on who was going to sit in the best seat around the table. It's interesting how even the people of God sometimes act like the rest of the world. Jesus addresses the disciples and let them know that they are to live counter-culturally to the rest of the world. Where others are attempting to get ahead and be first, they must practice allowing others to go before them. He tells them that they are to make the choice to go last. To set the example.

Reflection What are some ways you model to your children on how to go last?

Read John 13:12-13 How did Jesus model to His disciples that we are to serve one another?

No one finds it easy to make themselves weak or humble. What sort of things would you be thinking if you were trying to become humble?

Sometimes it is easy to puff ourselves up and desire more than we ought. What are some ways in order to protect ourselves from being prideful?

Passage 4 Luke 14:12-24

Jesus is at the same meal. He has already healed the sick man who was brought in to trap him. He has noticed how the guests all went for the important seats at the table, and he has told them to head for the forgotten seats. Now he turns to the host, who decided who was sent an invitation

Reflection Who does Jesus say that people normally invite to their parties?

What sort of people are never invited to parties? Who did Jesus tell us to invite?

What are the problems with Jesus' instruction about who we should invite?

What are the benefits of following Jesus' instructions and inviting these people?

Application

Pastor Chris referred to being a spiritual consumer or a spiritual contributor on Sunday. What do you think it means to be a spiritual consumer? What does it mean to be a spiritual contributor?

How can you model to others what it means to serve others this week? Create a plan on how you can put others above yourself? Who is it this week you can serve? Whose feet can you wash? Who can you do a good deed or act for who does not deserve it.