

# The Way of Compassion

**Jeremiah: “The heart is  
deceitful above all things &  
beyond cure.”**

## 2 Main Points from Luke 14

- 1) One of the greatest things we can do for another human being is to challenge them in love.*
- 2) One of the greatest things we can do for another human being is show them the compassion of Jesus.*

# Uncomfortable Conversation Number 1: Healing on the Sabbath (Luke 14:1-6)

Luke 14:6

**“If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?” <sup>6</sup> And they had nothing to say.**

Matthew 6:26

**“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store up in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?”**

Matthew 10:29-31

**“Are not sparrows sold two for a penny?  
Yet not one of them will fall to the  
ground outside your Father’s care. And  
even the very hairs of your head are all  
numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are  
worth more than many sparrows.”**

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*Does the way we treat other people,  
and talk to and about other people,  
reflect that they are valued by God?*

# **Uncomfortable conversation number 2:**

*Picking your seat. (Luke 14:7-11)*

Luke 14:11

**11** For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

## Philippians 2:3-4

**<sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.**

*Do I treat people who don't look like me,  
act like me, believe like me, have the same  
social status as me, as if they are more  
important than me? Be honest.*

# Uncomfortable Conversation number 3:

## *Party Advice* (Luke 14: 12-14)

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**“When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”**

*How are you involved in meeting the needs of people who are underprivileged and those the world sees as a burden? It's the calling of the church. Be honest.*



**Uncomfortable Conversation number 4:**  
*Feast in the Kingdom* (Luke 14:15-24)

*Do temporary things distract you from  
that which has eternal significance?*

Luke 14:21

**21 “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’**

Luke 14:22-24

**<sup>22</sup> “‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’**

**<sup>23</sup> “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. <sup>24</sup> I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”**

*The church exists more for those outside the church than for those inside the church. The Master sends His servants to go find them, and invite them in.*

## 2 main lessons

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Does your life reflect the  
compassion of Jesus?