



In a world that chases after status, Jesus came to show there is another way. Amidst the exhaustion and striving of showing how important you are in this world, Jesus proclaims everyone in His Kingdom is already loved, important, valuable, special, and great! In this message, we discover that Jesus knew that our hearts were too “dead” to understand what His Kingdom is about. Jesus died to break the curse of the sin disease in our hearts and through His Spirit has given us the power to realize who we are in Him.

1. What stood out to you from the message?
2. Jeremy shared a personal story about a shiny red jacket and his chase for status as a teenager. Do you have a story like this you'd like to share that relates to chasing status?
3. Why is it so hard to think about a world where status is nonexistent?

Read Luke 14:15-24.

4. Jesus is indirectly telling the men at this Sabbath dinner, your preoccupation with status is causing you to miss out on what He is doing and bringing about. What if anything stands out to you about Jesus indirectly saying this to the religious Pharisees?
5. In what ways do you identify with the Pharisees in Jesus' parable?
6. The surprising nature of the Kingdom of God is that there is no status and everyone is equal. Is this hard for you to accept? Why or why not?
7. We love it that Jesus doesn't care about our status (how much \$ we make,

career we have, influence we have, etc.), but why is it so difficult for us to view ourselves or others in this same way?

8. What, through the help of the Holy Spirit, do you need to stop believing about yourself? What do you need to start believing about yourself?

May we all know that in Christ, we're all equal. No one is inferior or superior to anyone. We can stop chasing status. We don't have to strive or prove ourselves special or great to anyone, we already are through Jesus' death and resurrection! May these truths lead us to think of ourselves less, experience the peace and joy found in being a part of the Kingdom of God, and be the people He has created us to be.