

# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: *Tell Me a Story*

Message: **Part 4 – Parable of the Wedding Feast (on Humility)**

November 26, 2017



## Connect & Check-In (20min)

### \*Welcome & Opening Prayer

> Invite 1 Group Member to open in Prayer.

### \*ICEBREAKER - Fabulous Feast

Describe the fanciest feast/banquet/celebration that you've been to? (a wedding, graduation, holiday...)  
: the focus/reason : the location/setting : the food : the atmosphere/music... : why was it memorable?

## Sunday Message Feedback (40min)

\*Speaker: Pastor Dean Orrell.

1. **Your Expert Opinion...** What do you consider yourself an 'expert' on? Has there been a time when you thought you knew a lot about a subject only to abruptly find out "you weren't as awesome as you thought you were"?

### 2. Sunday Message Feedback

\*What is 1 thing that impacted you from Sunday's Message?

### 3. READ [Luke 14:1-11](#) - The Parable of the Wedding Feast – A message on Humility.

\*Feasts were (and still are) an important and elaborate part of middle-eastern culture. This was a Sabbath feast.

a. Why do you think Jesus told this parable, and how do you think it was originally received by the different people in the room? (the host, guests, servants...)

b. Are there any interesting details in this passage or parable that stand out to you?

c. What do we learn about JESUS in this passage & parable? His heart, character, power & personality...  
e.g. *Jesus notices everything, and every layer of what's going on (on the surface, and in the heart).*

d. What do we learn about our Human nature in this passage & parable?

e.g. *Jesus addresses a type of class system that will always exist in society.*

e. What are 1-2 things that you do on a regular (even daily) basis because you care about what other people think, or to feel & be seen as important

f. What do we learn about our relationship with God (Jesus) and how He views our relationships with others?

### 4. Why is this Parable important and applicable for us today?

a. How is it counter-cultural for us today? (in your family, in your workplace, in society as a whole)

b. What kinds of practical applications does it have for us; for you?

## 5. Pride vs Humility

- a. Why is Human Pride such a troublesome thing for God?
- b. What is it about Humility that is so important to God?
- c. If you're brave enough (!) talk about a mistake/misstep/fault that you tried to cover up, only to be found out.
- d. Do you practice regular confession and repentance?  
> If so, explain what it's like to confess and receive God's forgiveness. If not, talk about why.
- e. Pastor Dean said that *"Failure is an event, not a personality trait"*.  
> Does this change how you see failure? Does it change how you view your past 'failures'?

## 6. REMINDER – "YOU ARE..." -- Read the following statements and scriptures together.

### **You are Victorious**

Romans 8:37 - "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

### **You have a heavenly calling.**

Hebrews 3:1 - "Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest."

### **You are Royalty**

1 Peter 2:9 - "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

### **You are designed for good things**

Ephesians 2:10 - "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

### **You are chosen and called by God**

John 15:16 Jesus says - "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you."

### **How do these Scriptures impact you?**

Have you ever considered yourself to be Victorious-Called-Royalty etc.?

-Do you find it difficult to talk about your faith and relationship with Christ? How so?

-Pastor Dean talked about the importance of living your testimony rather than simply talking about it.

-Would people know you are a Christian by your actions alone?

If so, has that created conversations about your faith? If not, what could you do to live out your faith more clearly this week (at home, at work, at play)?

## Application & Prayer (20min)

**\*PRAY:** Read [Philippians 2:3-11](#) – The invite the Group to Pray personal sentence prayers for each segment:  
[Allow 2-3 mins for each segment. Silence/Quiet-reflection is ok.]

**P** : Praise & Thank God for Who He Is and What He has done. His greatness, goodness and humility...  
**R** : Repent of any earthly pride that has taken you off course and away from the character of Christ.  
**A** : Ask the Holy Spirit to develop a strong, humble and servant-like heart in you.  
**Y** : Yield (Surrender) your will to His will and ways for this coming week.

**\*CHECK-IN** - *encourage one another & build one another up.*

> **How is your personal time with God going? What have you been reading, learning or praying about?**

**BONUS: Dig Humility** – Read the following Scriptures in your personal devotions this week.

Proverbs 22:4	Ephesians 4:2	Philippians 2:3-11
Colossians 3:12	James 4:6, 10	1 Peter 5:6

## Announcements

### PRAYER SUMMIT

**Sun. November 26.** 6pm-7:30pm. Main Street Chapel.

Worship-Prayer-Communion

\*With a special focus on the gifts & work of the Holy Spirit.

### MAIN STREET WOMEN: *Coffee & Conversation Event – Peace on Earth*

**Sat. December 2.** 10am-12pm – Main Street Church Conference Hall/Café. Tickets are \$5 at Guest Services.

### CHRISTMAS TALES – Outreach Event

**Fri. December 15. 7pm** – Main Street Church Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 (or \$90 to reserve a table of six).

Include coffee/tea & Homemade Pie! Seating is limited and tickets are selling fast!

Available at Guest Services on Sunday or through the Church Office (Mon-Thurs).

### CHRISTMAS HOPE D-DAY – Christmas Hamper Deliver Day.

**Sat. December 16.** 9am Start. Main Street Chapel. \*100 Hampers!

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

**Sun. December 24.** (No Morning Services)

\*2:30pm \*4pm \*5:30pm