



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

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GRACE COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you ever think about your life lived in the Kingdom of God (KOG)?

-if you do, how do you do that and what effect does that have on life?

-if you don't, why? What can you do to be conscious of that more?

2. How can you/we grow in living out counter-cultural ways of the KOG? Here is what Tony said about the "right-side up" wholly different KOG, tease these out together:

- In the KOG if you want life and to truly live, you must die.

- In the KOG the first will be last and the last will be first. The humbled will be exalted and the exalted will be humbled.

- In the KOG we love people who hate us. We repay evil with blessing.

- In the KOG what is valuable to this world is worthless to us. We give away in order to receive.

- In the KOG we recognize and believe that suffering brings glory and trouble brings joy.

- In the KOG we believe that to be free we must be slaves, to be wise we must become fools and the only way to be strong is to be weak.

Read Luke 14:1-24

Pick out and discuss every characteristic of the KOG that you see.

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 14:1-24

### Healing of a Man on the Sabbath

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. **2** And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy.

**3** And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" **4** But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. **5** And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" **6** And they could not reply to these things.

### The Parable of the Wedding Feast

**7** Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, **8** "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, **9** and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. **10** But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. **11** For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

### The Parable of the Great Banquet

**12** He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. **13** But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, **14** and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

**15** When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" **16** But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. **17** And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' **18** But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' **19** And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' **20** And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' **21** So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' **22** And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' **23** And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. **24** For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"