

# RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide  
March 25, 2018



## How to get to the Highest Place

### **BIBLE IN A YEAR READING (SPEND 10- 15 MINUTES HERE):**

**Spend a little time at the beginning of each week to talk through the “Bible in a Year” reading plan. Use this as a time to encourage, discuss, and apply what we’ve read together this week since our group last met. Give people an opportunity to share around these 3 general questions:**

1. What passage(s) did God use this week to help you grow?
2. What passage(s) did you have challenges with? Why?
3. What passage(s) did you not understand?

Encourage your group members to dive into study and research when they come across passages that they don’t agree with or don’t understand. There are some great resources online. Here are a few to share:

<http://blueletterbible.org/> - Tons of biblical study resources available

For the Love of God – Vol 1 & 2 – Daily reading commentary

### **INTRO:**

When you think of greatness, what (or who) comes to mind? Success, riches, awards, accolades, advanced skillsets, etc...?

What would you say are the most common things that keep people (or yourself) from reaching greatness?

### **DIVE IN:**

**Read all of Luke 14 together as a group, and then discuss the questions below:**

1. Have religious expectations and environments ever kept you from engaging what you think God’s calling you to do? What’s holding you back? (vs 1-6)
2. We all want to be “esteemed”. What happens when we put ourselves in that place? (Vs 7-11)
3. Do you treat everyone with equal honor, or just the people who can repay you with honor as well? (Vs 11-14)
4. It can be so easy to think we’re “in” and never really get it... If the joy of your faith is simply your own entry to heaven, you’re doing it wrong. How do we keep our faith from being “me” centered? (vs 15-24)
5. What excuses are you making when God’s asked you to engage faith? (Vs 15-24)
6. Do you see yourself on the initial guest list that was too busy for God or on the new guest list that were seen as second rate? Why? (Vs 15-24)

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7. Following Jesus means you've got some skin in the game. Have you thought about what God's asking you to invest as you engage? (Vs 25-35)
8. Our faith should make us different. Are you still salty or have you become flavorless? (Vs 25-35)
9. If you're going to get to the highest place, it's through taking others with you. Who is God leading you to bring?
10. Pastor Tom asked three questions as he wrapped up his message. Take some time to discuss them together:
  - a. Who are you intentionally spending time with?
  - b. Who are you serving and giving your resources to?
  - c. Do you want to be blessed based on Luke 14:14?

**As your group wraps up, spend some time intentionally engaging in prayer for your individual 8to15 lists. Pray for the Easter weekend at Rivers Crossing, both Good Friday and Sat/Sun Easter services. Pray that as we're faithful to engage God's leading through inviting and sharing our faith, that God would work during these services to draw people to himself through Jesus.**

## NOW WHAT:

1. What part of this week's message has had the greatest impact on you? What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion?
2. What do you need to do with that truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?