



GOING DEEPER
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Title: Discovering the Genius of Jesus Series – Week 2 “Upside Down”

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Selected Texts: Luke 14:1-14

“This world seems crazy! What is going on?” Ever hear this expressed? Maybe you have said something along this line recently. The reality is that we are living in a culture that seems to be flying upside down: we are often disoriented and little makes sense. This week, we will discover the Genius of Jesus who came to earth to set things right: to challenge and completely reorient our thinking and living. He desires to turn us right-side up. The experience however, may be a tad uncomfortable!

Discussion Questions:

Spend a few minutes talking about the importance of having deep, healthy roots.

- (1) How might you deepen your roots of faith in Jesus this year? (Colossians 2:6-7)

- (2) When you think of Jesus, what image or description comes to mind?
How might your view of Jesus need to be challenged?

A number of ‘upside/down’ sayings from Jesus were quickly mentioned.

See Matthew 5:39, Matthew 5:44, Matthew 19:21, Matthew 19:30, Luke 9:48

- (3) How might these teachings of Jesus shift your orientation?

Read this dinner party story from Luke 14:1-14 in as many translations as possible.

- (4) What do you notice from verse 1?

(5) Have you ever been invited to something where you were the one being closely watched or listened to? What happened? How did it feel?

(6) From this particular story Jesus reorients their thinking on three fronts:

- a. Love over Law. (Verses 2-6) To the Pharisees and experts of the law.
- b. Humility over Self-promotion. (Verses 7-11) To the guests clamoring for the best seats.
- c. Compassion over Reciprocity. (Verses 12-14) To the host and his invitations.

Which of these three catches your attention and, if you are honest, hits home?

(7) What might you do this week to embrace a new reorientation in this same area?

Never Stop Praying:

- For Trinity's 'welcome mat' _to be always visible
- That our own pathway will be aligned with God's pathway