

Jesus Will Turn Your Social Life Upside Down (Luke 14:1-14)

¹ Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely.

1. Jesus Attends a _____ on the Sabbath

a. Where He went

b. Why He went

c. What others did

² And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy.

³ And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

⁴ But they kept silent. And He took *him* and healed him, and let him go.

⁵ Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?"

⁶ And they could not answer Him regarding these things.

2. Jesus Addresses _____ on the Sabbath

a. A needy man appears

b. Jesus questions the leaders

c. The leaders are silent

d. Jesus heals the man

e. Jesus poses a situation to the leaders

f. The leaders are without argument

⁷ So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them:

⁸ "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him;

⁹ "and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place.

¹⁰ "But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you.

¹¹ "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

3. Jesus Teaches _____ in Action to Those Invited

a. Jesus speaks to the _____

b. Jesus speaks concerning their actions (He was observing!)

c. Jesus shares a parable of two approaches:

Approach #1: Taking the _____ Place

- **Assuming the most honored position**
- **Being asked to move down (to the last)**
- **Receiving shame going forward**

Approach #2: Taking the _____ Place

- **Proceeding to the least honored position**
- **Being asked to move up**
- **Receiving glory going forward**

d. Jesus states a lasting 2-part formula:

- **Promote yourself → Be _____**
- **Humble yourself → Be _____**

¹² Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid.

¹³ "But when you give a feast, invite *the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind.*

¹⁴ "And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

4. Jesus Teaches _____ to the One Who Invited

a. Jesus speaks to the _____

b. Jesus presents two approaches:

_____ **Approach: Inviting the _____**

- **Inviting those we enjoy or that we are related to**
- **Inviting those that can invite us back**
- **Inviting those that can repay us**
- **Short-term benefits: Reciprocal enjoyment & repayment in kind**

_____ **Approach: Inviting the _____**

- **Inviting the poor and the physically disadvantaged**
- **Inviting those that cannot return the favor or repay us**
- **Long-term benefits: Blessing now & repayment in eternity**

TAKEWAYS: (1) Take the _____ place; (2) Take care to _____ those outside your enjoyment circle & who are unable to repay you.