



SDG Discussion Guide

Luke 14:1-24

November 3, 2019

For starters:

What was one of the best parties to which you were invited, and why is it memorable?

What is your favorite aspect of social life? Least favorite?

What is one highlight of yours from the last seven days?

Guideline: The following is meant to provide an approach for further interaction with the corresponding sermon text *and the surrounding passage*. Feel free to forward to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find this write up in print on that Sunday.

First, as you can, read aloud and slowly the selected passage in your group. If you have time, read it aloud a second time - from a different Bible translation.

Before you begin your discussion, pray, and ask God to speak to your group. Notice, what may God be highlighting for your consideration and learning?

Now that you have read the text together and prayed, what points and questions arise from your group? Spend plenty of time in your group to address these points and questions. Explore and see how God may give guidance in the discussion. The following are further questions you may use to guide your interaction with the text.

1. Why did Jesus ask if it was lawful to heal on the Sabbath? Is healing -- a life-saving act -- considered work?
2. Why were the Pharisees silent in response to Jesus (14:4,6)?
3. Why do the guests' actions (v. 7) attract Jesus' attention? How do you imagine this scene? How has Jesus demonstrated taking the lowest place?
4. How does Jesus' view of honor vary from that held by others at the meal? What does this teach us about kingdom values and their application at the final banquet?
5. Read Isaiah 25:6-9. Describe Isaiah's vision of the Great Feast.
6. Read Luke 13:22-30. How does this conversation foreshadow the parable?
7. What does the "great banquet" (verse 16) represent?
8. What does the passage bring to your mind about how you view others in social situations, and how others could see you?
9. How do things like customs and status act as barriers or help to love others in your family? Church? Workplace? Community?

Ask each group member what is on his or her heart, and pray for one another as you are lead.

*These questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).