

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, October 12, 2008

Passage: Luke 14:15-35

Memory Passage: Matthew 11:28-29

**TODAY:** From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 14:15-20.** What statement made at the dinner prompts Jesus to talk about the Kingdom of God?
- (b) What picture did the Jews use to describe eternity (Luke 12:37; Revelation 19:9)? What does this picture convey?
- (c) Read Luke 12:37 again. What surprising event does Jesus say will take place?
- (d) Read John 13:1-17. What did Jesus do that disturbed His disciples? Why did Jesus do this? What lessons was He trying to teach them? What blessing do we receive when we do these things?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 14:15-20 and John 13:1-17. Talk together about what it will be like to be in the heavenly Kingdom. What kinds of things will you expect? What will be unexpected? What earthly (present) things remind us of that kingdom and look forward to it? How should we act now in light of this kingdom? Discuss some ways you can serve others this week. Thank God for sending His only son to be the servant-king!

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 14:16-20.** What is the main point of the parable that Jesus tells in response to this statement?
- (b) How is this supper described? How would you feel to be invited to such a meal? What do the guests have to bring?
- (c) How is this invitation also a picture of heaven and eternal life (Isaiah 55:1-7; Revelation 22:17; Matthew 11:27-29)?
- (d) How do the people respond? What do you think about their excuses? In what ways are the excuses ridiculous? What kinds of excuses do people make for not following Jesus? What is the real reason they did not come (Matthew 22:3)?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 14:16-20 and Matthew 11:27-29. Talk about salvation and evangelism. What is left to be done for a person to be saved? What is God's invitation? Why do so many reject this invitation? Pray for an opportunity to tell someone about this great invitation this week.

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 14:21-24.** What was the response of the master? What does this tell you about the judgment of God?
- (b) What surprising thing does the master do since his invited guests will not come? Who is Jesus comparing to the invited guests? Who might he be referring to when he invites the poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind (Hosea 2:23; Romans 9:25-26; 1 Peter 2:9-10)?
- (c) What else did the master do (Luke 14:23) when there was still room in his house? Look at Luke 13:23. What question was asked in this verse? How does Luke 14:23 answer that question (Revelation 7:9)?
- (d) What term does Jesus use to indicate the seriousness with which the servants are to gather people in? Compare these verses: 2 Corinthians 5:11; 2 Corinthians 5:20; 2 Corinthians 6:1; Colossians 1:28.
- (e) What was Jesus referring to when He said, "none of these men who were invited shall taste my supper" (Matthew 21:43; Acts 13:46; Matthew 22:8)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 14:21-24 and 1 Peter 2:9-10. Who has been invited to Christ since the Jewish nation rejected Him? How seriously are we to invite people to come to Christ? Pray for someone that needs to know Him.

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 14:25-33.** Multitudes were following Jesus. Why do you think He turned to them and gave them this difficult teaching (John 6:24-27)?
- (b) Underline the word, "disciple," in this passage. How many times does it appear? What would you conclude about discipleship from these passages?
- (c) What is the first example that Jesus uses to describe the seriousness of following Him (Luke 14:26)? What does He mean by "hate?" Should a person hate his parents or spouse (Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 5:25)? Compare this to Matthew 10:37.

(d) What does Jesus say about counting the cost of following Him (Luke 14:28-34)? Read John 6:66. Had the disciples of Jesus counted the cost? Compare their decision with the parables of the kingdom in Matthew 13:44-46.

(e) *Family*: Read Luke 14:25-33 and Matthew 10:37. Talk about your love for Christ in comparison to everything and everyone else in life. Why must Jesus be honored about all else if we are going to follow Him? Pray that you might follow Jesus with all your heart in every area this week.

#### **DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

#### **READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read Luke 14:34-35.** What *grammatical key* (or word) tells us that these verses are connected with the ones before on being disciples?

(b) What was the basic function of salt in the ancient world? How was it connected with sacrifices (Leviticus 2:13)?

(c) What was the concern about the salt? What good is salt if it loses its flavor? What is Jesus referring to (Matthew 5:13)?

(d) What might the salt illustrate in the believer's life? What happens if a disciple loses his/her purity? What kind of usefulness is Jesus speaking about (Matthew 5:13-16; 2 Timothy 2:19-21)?

(e) *Family*: Read Luke 14:34-35 and Matthew 5:13-16. Why has Jesus called us to follow Him? What is one thing He wants His disciples to do? Are you “salt” and “light” in the world? What things in your life are hindering your witness for Christ? Pray that you might be useful to the Lord this week.

#### **DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

#### **READ THE PASSAGE**

*Think back through what you have learned each day this week.* Read Luke 14:14-25. What is the kingdom of God all about? How have the Gentiles been given a special place in the kingdom now? What is that place (responsibility)? What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? What steps are you taking to actively live for Jesus? Pray for the teaching of God's Word that disciples might follow Jesus with all their hearts.

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***Invitation to the Kingdom***  
*“Come, for all things are ready now.”*