

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, October 5, 2008

Passage: Luke 14:1-14

Memory Passage: Luke 14:11

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 14:1-6.** What was the purpose behind the dinner invitation (Luke 6:7; Luke 13:53-54)? Have you ever invited people for a meal for the wrong reasons?
- (b) What kind of physical condition did this man have? Why was he invited to this dinner?
- (c) What was Jesus' main concern (also Matthew 12:9-12)? What question did Jesus ask? What is the purpose of the Sabbath (Mark 2:27; Isaiah 58:13)?
- (d) How did the Pharisees respond? Why (Matthew 21:25-27)? What did Jesus do with the man?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 14:1-6 and Mark 2:27. What is the purpose of the Sabbath? What was the main concern of the Pharisees—was it to honor the Lord? What was the main concern of Jesus? How can you honor God this week by your actions? Pray together for such opportunities.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 14:5-6.** What example did Jesus use to show their hypocrisy? What did this show that the Pharisees really cared about?
- (b) Read Acts 16:16-19. What was the only concern of these merchants? What was the concern of Paul?
- (c) Read Luke 12:21. What does it mean to be “rich toward God?” How can we do this (1 Timothy 6:17-19)? Why is a humble attitude essential for this kind of ministry? Why is it so hard for the rich to be humble?
- (d) How did Paul conduct his life (1 Corinthians 9:19-22)? How are you using your home and time for the sake of the Lord?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 14:-56 and 1 Timothy 6:17-19. Talk about giving and sharing. How does wealth make it hard to be humble? What steps can you take as a family to reach out to someone in need this week? Pray that God would give you an opportunity to share the gospel with someone this week.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 14:7-11.** What parable did Jesus then tell them? Why did He tell it?
- (b) Read Proverbs 25:6-7. What instructions does this proverb give? Should the Pharisees have known this? What does this tell us about their attitude toward God's Word?
- (c) What motivated the Pharisees (Luke 20:46; Matthew 23:5-6) Why did they act this way (John 12:43)?
- (d) What principle did Jesus remind these Pharisees of?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 14:7-11 and Romans 12:10. Talk about what it means to desire the “praise of men.” What are some ways that you sometimes look for the praise of men? How can we avoid this attitude? Pray that God will give you a desire for a humble heart.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 14:12-14.** What words of instruction did Jesus have for the host of the meal? Why do you think He said this?
- (b) What was their motive for inviting people for dinner? What should be our motive whenever we are inviting someone over to our house?
- (c) What attitudes are believers told to have (Romans 12:10; Hebrews 13:1-2; 1 Peter 4:9)? What are some specific ways that you can do this?
- (d) If we do this, will there be any reward (Proverbs 19:17; Hebrews 6:10)?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 14:12-14 and Romans 12:10. Talk about hospitality. What is it? What should be our motivation when inviting others? Who can you reach out to this week that people do not normally reach out to? Pray that God will touch this person through your love.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read 1 Peter 5:5-7.** What does Peter tell us all to do? Why? What promise does he give to us? *When* will God do this?
- (b) Read Proverbs 15:33 and Proverbs 29:23. Why does humility come *before* honor? How does the fear of the Lord help us to be humble?
- (c) What do Isaiah 57:15, Psalm 51:16-17 and Luke 18:11-14 tell us about humility?
- (d) Read Romans 4:2 and 1 Corinthians 1:27-31. In what alone should we boast? Why?
- (e) *Family:* Read 1 Peter 5:5-7 and Psalm 51:16-17. Discuss humility. Why does God hate proud and honor humility?

DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. Read Luke 14:1-14. What conflict did Jesus have with the Pharisees in this passage? Was this really a conflict over the Sabbath or something else? What did he warn them about? What does this show you about Jesus' greatest concern? Why does hospitality require humility? Why does giving require humility? Why is God opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble? Pray that we will all humbly receive God's Word for our lives tomorrow.

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The Attitude of the Kingdom
“whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”