

THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM

living and loving like Jesus

invited

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Key Scriptures
Luke 14:15-24
2 Corinthians 5:13-17

Talking through the message during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps.

Questions – Talking Points

- Were there any parts that need more clarification? What stood out? What did you not understand? What did you see in a new light?

Read Luke 14:15-24

- Why do you think Jesus highlighted the excuses people make in this parable?
- Why do you think people made excuses in the parable?
- Why do you think people make excuses about God's invitation today?
- With whom do you most identify in this parable?
- Do you see yourself as an insider or an outsider? Why? In what way?
- What point do you think the Pharisees are missing?
- How can an "insider" mentality cause division and judgment?
- What do you sense needs to change within you regarding how you view others?
- Who, according to this parable, gets to eat at the banquet in the kingdom of God?
- Do you think you will be surprised by:
 - who is there? Why?
 - who is not there? Why?
- **v23** says that the master wants his house full.
 - Does the kingdom ever get full?
 - If not, which is what the parable is implying, what is our task?
- **v24** sounds pretty harsh.
 - What is Jesus driving at?
- What do you see as the point of Jesus telling this parable?
- What does it mean for us (individually and as OCC) today?

This Week

- Interact and reflect over the above questions
- Get connected to a group to think through this text and these questions together. Or simply invite a couple of folks over for coffee to do this.
- Read the scriptures for this week: **Matthew 5:27-6:15**
- Develop the daily practice of **Read – Reflect – Pray – Live**

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