

Sharing a meal with Jesus



Luke's story of Jesus

chapter 14:1-24

Context

Jesus is very skilled at using everyday situations to say something about God and His Kingdom. In today's passage Jesus is having a meal with a well-known Pharisee, and he uses this opportunity to teach the people.

Ice breaker

When you have lunch or dinner with your friends, what do you normally talk about?

Sharing a meal with Jesus

Group A: Read Luke 14:1–6, and take some time to understand it.

What do you think Jesus' answer would be to the question: 'Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?'

What point is Jesus making?

Group B: Read Luke 14:7–11, and take some time to understand it.

Are these verses just about wedding feasts (v8)? Or is Jesus talking about something bigger?

What point is Jesus making?

Group C: Read Luke 14:12–14, and take some time to understand it.

Do these verses teach that we are saved by our good works?

What point is Jesus making?

God's Great Banquet

Read Luke 14:15–24. If your group has time, you might like to act it out.

How is the Kingdom of God (or "heaven") described in v15?

Jesus doesn't interpret the parable for us. But who do you think the following characters represent? Why?

- The man / master =
- Those who were invited =
- The servant =
- The poor, crippled, blind, lame =

What is Jesus trying to say to *you* through this parable? How should you apply it?