**DINNER WITH JESUS
LUKE 14:1-14 (ESV)**

**THREE LESSONS FROM JESUS**

1. **HYPOCRISY**

**LUKE 14:1-6 (ESV) – HEALING ON THE SABBATH**
*One Sabbath, when (Jesus) went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching Him carefully. 2 And behold, there was a man before Him who had dropsy\*. 3 And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” 4 But they remained silent.*

*Then He took him and healed him and sent him away. 5 And He said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” 6 And they could not reply to these things*

*\** Dropsy: An old term for the swelling of soft tissues due to the accumulation of excess water. Today one would be more descriptive and specify the cause. A person would likely have severe edema due to congestive heart failure or a break down in key organs such as the kidneys or liver

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1. **HUMILITY**

**LUKE 14:7-11 (ESV) – THE PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST** *7 Now He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, 8 “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, 9 and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. 11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”*

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1. **HOSPITALITY**

**LUKE 14:12-14 (ESV) – THE GREAT BANQUET** *12 He said also to the man who had invited Him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. 13 But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”*

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REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
1. How was the meal at the Pharisee’s house set up to trap Jesus? (14:1-2) Did it?
2. What does the parable in Verses 7-11 mean today? Are you eager to raise your social status? To be with the “right” people? Who do you try to impress?
3. How can we humble ourselves? (14:11) Does humility mean putting yourself down? Is humility the same as self-degradation?
4. What is real humility?
5. In Verses 12-14, Jesus advises his host to invite people who cannot repay him back. What do you think of this advice? How can we apply this model of hospitality in our own lives?