

Text: Luke 14:1-35

Topics: Selfishness, Serving, Kingdom of God

Series: That You Know Jesus

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## God Has Expectations!

### I. In the House (1-24)

Religious leaders: *Drop the rules and start helping the needy.*

Guests: *Pursue humility, and let honor come.*

Host: *Serve the suffering, before yourself.*

Those who are in God's Kingdom humbly serve the needy.

Deflector: *Accept your invitation, or others gladly will!*

Those who enter God's Kingdom must accept the invitation.

### II. On the Road (25-35)

Four word-pictures:

Hate: *A disciple must love Jesus more than anyone.*

Cross: *A disciple must be willing to suffer anything.*

Tower/Army: *A disciple must be willing to give up everything.*

Salt: *A disciple of Jesus will not give up for anything.*

Those who wish to follow Jesus must be willing to surrender everything to Him.

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. Read Luke 14:1-6. Who are the "they" in verses 1, 4, and 6? What point is Jesus trying to make to them?

Have you ever declined to help someone who was suffering? Explain.

2. In verse 11 of Luke 14:7-11, Jesus makes the point of His parable. Is Jesus encouraging false humility to gain recognition?! Explain.

Why would Jesus want you to strive to be humble?

3. Have you ever done what Jesus said to do in Luke 14:12-14? What happened? Why is this hard to do?

4. Read Luke 14:15-24. Why are the excuses lame? What do the new invitations symbolize? What message is Jesus giving His listeners?

What are some of the "not now" excuses people make today? How should You respond?

5. Read Luke 14:25-35. From what Jesus says in these verses how would you define a disciple?

Do you consider yourself a disciple of Jesus?

What helps you follow Jesus as a disciple?

Are you a disciple-maker? What hindrance(s) challenge you? What helps You? (Ex: encouragement, equipping, ??)