



What We Do
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[Luke 14:15-24, NLT]

¹⁵ Hearing this, a man sitting at the table with Jesus exclaimed, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the banquet in the kingdom of God." ¹⁶ "Jesus replied with this story: "A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. ¹⁷ When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, 'Come, the banquet is ready.' ¹⁸ But they all began making excuses. One said, 'I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.' ¹⁹ Another said, 'I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I need to try them out. Please excuse me.' ²⁰ Another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' ²¹ "The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, 'Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' ²² After the servant had done this, he reported, 'There is still room for more.' ²³ So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will

be full. ²⁴ For none of those I first invited will get even the smallest taste of my banquet.”

- 1. It speaks of Jesus coming to “His own” the Jewish people, and they rejected Him**

[John 1:10-12, NLT]

¹⁰ He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. ¹¹ He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. ¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

- 2. Those who have lost their spiritual appetite due to other distractions and desires**
- 3. Those who never had a seat at the table and were convinced that they never would**

As Disciples:

- 1. We follow the teachings and the example of the life of Jesus**

[John 13:3-5, 15, NLT]

³ Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. ⁴ So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, ⁵ and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him..... ¹⁵ “... **I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.**”

As Disciples:

- 2. We live a life of stewardship (we are managers, not owners / Matthew 25:14-30)**

As Disciples:

- 3. We live to serve, not to be served**

[Matthew 20:26b-28, NLT]

²⁶ "...Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave — ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

[Matthew 5:14-16, NLT]

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

"The blessings is in the doing, not the knowing."

Key Points:

As Disciples:

1. We follow the teachings and the example of the life of Jesus
2. We live a life of stewardship (we are managers, not owners)
3. We live to serve, not to be served

Applications for the Week:

Following Jesus and serving are inseparable, they go hand-in-hand. This week take your next step by serving on the Dream Team. Click [HERE](#) to sign up today!

Discussion Questions

1. What kind of conversations do you have around the dinner table? Who sits at your table?
2. When we consider achievement and status, why do most people push for first place or the top spot? Why does the motivation matter?
3. What was different about the culture of banquets and feasts as seen in the Bible?
4. Why do you think Jesus spent a lot of time around tables in His time on earth?
5. What does it look like for us to "pull out seats for people at the table?"
6. As a follower of Jesus, what does it personally look like for you prepare a place for someone who is not here yet?
7. Who is someone you can invite to the table?