

Bible Study Notes: Luke 14— Challenging the Guest List

NB. These notes are written as a guide but will need to be adapted in accordance with the needs of each individual group.

Opening Prayer

Begin by inviting God to open hearts to hear and apply His Word together as a group.

Read Luke 14:7–24 (or full chapter) + optional Isa.25.6-9

Read aloud together, sharing verses among the group, and consider trying different Bible translations for fresh perspectives.

1. Parable of the Great Banquet (vv.15–24)
 - **Observation:** Invited guests make excuses, prompting the host to welcome outsiders instead.
 - **Discussion:** Why do people decline God's invitation? Who is welcome at God's table?
 - **Prompt:** Are there "excuses" or distractions that affect our response to Christ's invitation? How can we help others know they're included?
2. Humility at the Table (vv.7–11)
 - **Observation:** Jesus notices guests vying for best seats and tells a parable about taking the lowest place.
 - **Discussion:** Why does Jesus value humility? How does pride show up in subtle ways?
 - **Prompt:** When have you seen humility honoured in your life or community? What makes it hard to choose the "lowest place"?
3. Radical Hospitality (vv.12–14)
 - **Observation:** Jesus tells the host not to invite only those who can return the favour, but to welcome those in need.
 - **Discussion:** What does this mean for hospitality in our homes and church? Why is hospitality to those on the margins central for Jesus?
 - **Prompt:** What practical steps could the group take to make hospitality more inclusive?