



Life Group Story Guide (Week 3)

Theme: “Growth Outside Our Comfort Zone”, **Story Guide 3: Luke 14:15-23** (GOD’S Great Banquet)

Open in Prayer, Welcome & Introductions

Review of Life Group Guidelines

Hook Question:

What is your favorite Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner menu? Why?

Background of tonight’ story: We find JESUS sitting at the table of one of the Pharisees leaders to eat. In front of Him was sitting a man with edema. JESUS asked those present if it was lawful to heal on the Sabbath. No one could respond. JESUS went ahead and healed the sick man. Before JESUS shared the parable of the invited guests, He admonished those present to not be so eager to choose what is thought to be the most important seats at the table, because they may be humiliated when they are asked to move when a more prominent guest arrives. JESUS took time to emphasize the importance of inviting those in need to a feast before inviting those that were well off.

Tell the Story: This week’s Bible passage is found in **Luke 14:15-23**

Rebuild the Story

Read the Story out loud (look for additions or omissions)

Questions:

- What do the excuses of the invited guests symbolize in the context of the Kingdom of GOD?
- Do you think that the excuses given for not going to the banquet were valid? Have your excuses to GOD’S calling been valid? Why or why not.
- The master passionately desires a full house, how does this reflect GOD’S Heart for you and others? How does this challenge the way you see people who are different from you?
- How can you cultivate a heart that is always ready to respond to GOD’S call without excuses? What daily habits can help you stay open to His invitations?

Review & Retell the Story

Assign Next Week's Story: John 6:1-15

Close in Prayer

ARISE Miami “Life is better together”