MMBS Study: Luke 14:7-35
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In Luke 14, Jesus will teach us what it means to be Humble and Hungry.

Luke 14:7-14 | The Humble Will Be Exalted

In the Kingdom of God:

- Those who exalt themselves will be humbled.
- Those who humble themselves will be exalted.
- True generosity is giving without expecting anything in return.

The antidote to Pride is Humility.

“Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it’s thinking of yourself less.” – Rick Warren

Question for Personal Reflection:

- *In what areas of life do you seek recognition instead of humble service?*

Luke 14:15-24 | The Invitation to the Great Banquet

Jesus tells a parable about a banquet where many invited guests make excuses and refuse to come. In response, the master invites the poor, crippled, blind, and lame.

Key Observations:

1. Many reject God’s invitation because they are too occupied with worldly concerns.
2. The Kingdom invitation is open to all.
3. Excuses keep people from experiencing God’s best.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

- *What excuses keep you from fully following Jesus?*

Luke 14:25-33 | The Cost of Discipleship

Jesus calls His followers to count the cost:

- Hate: (love less) father, mother, wife, children, and even one’s own life.
- Carry your cross and follow Him.
- Consider the cost, like a builder or a king preparing for battle.

Key Observations:

1. Following Jesus requires complete surrender.
2. Love for Jesus should surpass all other loves.
3. True discipleship is not a casual commitment—it demands sacrifice.

Scripture References:

- **Matthew 16:24-25:** "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.'"
- **Philippians 3:7-8:** "But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ."

Question for Personal Reflection:

- *What is Jesus asking you to surrender in order to follow Him more fully?*

Luke 14:34-35 | Salt Without Flavor

Jesus compares disciples to salt:

- Salt is valuable but useless if it loses its taste.
- Salt is a preservative
- Salt enhances flavor

Key Observations:

1. A disciple who is indistinguishable from the world has lost their purpose.
2. Faith without obedience is ineffective.
3. Living for Christ means being different in values, priorities, and actions.

Question for Personal Reflection:

- Are you maintaining your distinctiveness as a follower of Jesus, or are you blending into the world?

Discussion Questions:

1. Which area of your life do you find most difficult to surrender to Jesus?
2. What keeps people from responding to God's invitation?
3. How can you cultivate a heart that serves others without expecting anything in return?

4. In what ways are you called to stand out as “salt” in your sphere of influence?