

Texts: Luke 14:12-21

2 Conversations:

(1) Who I include at my table (2) Who Jesus includes at His table.

Conversation 1: Who I include at my table (Luke 14:12-14)

- The warning against reciprocity
- Temporal vs. eternal rewards

Question for reflection:

Do my relational investments reflect my personal kingdom values or the eternal principles of Jesus' kingdom?

Jesus isn't just talking about sharing a meal, He is talking about sharing life. Jesus is very interested in who you include in your life.

There are people whose hunger isn't a physical hunger but are famished relationally.

Conversation 2: Who Jesus includes at His table (Luke 14:15-21)

The story to make a point: Luke 14:16-21

- 2 invitations
- What do the excuses reveal?
- What does the master reveal about Jesus?
- Who ends up at the meal?

Spiritual practice for November: Hospitality (see the program)

Who does God want me to include around my table this month?

Helpful resources: Book: The Gospel Comes with a House Key, Rosaria Butterfield; Podcast: <https://practicethewayarchives.org/practices/eating-drinking>

Pray: Lay down any distractions, control, fears, etc. that will keep you from fully engaging in your time together.

Looking Back:

Is there something God taught you this past week? Or is there something that happened that we can be praying about?

Describe a significant meal/party that stands out in your mind. What made it significant?

Looking up:

Read Luke 14:12-21. Then, have someone retell the story in their own words.

How would you summarize the main idea/s of Jesus' teachings in this passage?

What are some reasons that keep you from including people who God has placed around you to include in your life?

What are ways that you can be more intentional about including someone/s that God has placed in your life?

Pray: Pray according to what is shared. For example, insight for who God would have you invite into your life, confession where needed, wisdom, creativity, etc.

Where do you see yourself in the story that Jesus shared? How does seeing Jesus as the master of the meal, rather than yourself, change your perspective about the way you see others?

Looking forward:

What is God stirring in your heart and what does it look like for you to obey Him?

Spiritual Practice for November: Hospitality

Spend time in prayer asking God to give you clarity on who you should invest in this month. Be intentional to open your table to them and to ask questions that will help you better understand their life.