

Friends in Low Places

Luke 14:1-6

- Sick ought to be healed
 - **Luke 13:10-16**
 - Bound ought to be loosed
 - People criticize healing ministries because all are not healed
 - Yet, we offer forgiveness and not all receive.
 - We tell people that Jesus rescued them from darkness. Yet, many remain in darkness.
 - **Our job is not to guarantee results, but to offer hope in Jesus' name.**
- People are more important than religious law.
- We are not gatekeepers of the sacred law; we are the healing hands of Jesus.
- So, we are not here to hate on people of other religions, skin color, political views, or even contrary Biblical views, immigrants or homosexuals. We are here to proclaim the kingdom of God and to pray for the sick. We trust God to save, to sanctify, to restore and to heal.
- We are fellow sinners: dysfunctional, diseased and tormented. We are walking out the realities of being a new creation in Christ Jesus. Daily, hourly we must put off our old sinful nature and put on Christ. We found forgiveness, healing and peace. We offer the same to fellow travellers.
- Disciple One means that first I am one; then I am helping one other to follow Jesus with me.

Luke 14:7-11

- Humble yourself! It is not God's job to humble you. **James 4:6-10**
- Humbling yourself is not the same as running yourself down.
- Neither should you boast. God resists the proud. He gives grace to the humble. He will promote you.
- Humility admits absolute dependency on God. Without him I am a miserable sinner. That old miserable sinner shows his ugly head more often than I desire.

Luke 14:12-14

- **WHEN** you give a feast invite everyone.
- We have several layers of relationships in our lives.
 - We should treat everyone well (golden rule)
 - Disciple One: befriend, invite, include
 - Family (includes church family)
 - Co-workers
 - Friends
 - Inner Circle
 - Jesus never turned down an invitation to someone's house. He had hundreds of followers. He chose twelve to be with him. He often took only Peter, James, John and Andrew with him, leaving out the other nine.
- This summer is about food and fellowship (cookouts, ice cream, watermelon, tacos, etc., softball and swimming)
- Everyone is invited. Invite friends, co-workers, neighbors, relatives & strangers.
- Church is more than Bible studies, prayer meetings and singing. Church is also sharing meals and building relationships.
- **Religion loves laws. Christ followers love God and love other people.**

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- What did Jesus insinuate by his question: "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"
- How is healing a person like rescuing an ox that has fallen into a well?
- Which was more important to Jesus: rules or people? How should this affect our life and decisions?

Luke 13:10-16

- Who did Jesus blame for this woman's ailment?
- How did Jesus respond to this woman?
- What did he mean, "Ought not this woman be loosed from this bond?"

Luke 14:7-11

- What does it mean to humble one's self?
- Are we to run ourselves down and bad mouth ourselves?
- What does pride look like?
- What are synonyms for "humble?"

Luke 14:12-14

- Jesus said, "When you give a dinner or banquet." It seems like a great idea to Jesus for us to spend time together eating. Why?
- Did Jesus mean that we should never have meals with family and close friends? What did he mean?
- Respond to this statement: Church is more than Bible study, prayer and singing; it is also sharing meals and building relationships.