

OPEN

Do you think self-awareness is common or rare these days, please explain.

LUKE 14:7-11

⁷ He told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they would choose the best places for themselves:

⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, don’t recline at the best place, because a more distinguished person than you may have been invited by your host. ⁹ The one who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this man,’ and then in humiliation, you will proceed to take the lowest place.

¹⁰ “But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ You will then be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

DISCOVER

Parables take earthly examples to teach lessons about God’s kingdom.

Where are you invited to see yourself in this parable?

Wedding banquets today are generally not open seating, at least not for the wedding party’s table. Where might it be more commonplace to hear about people seeking to elevate themselves above others?

DEEPEN

Parables have something to teach us about the Kingdom of Heaven

Jesus is hoping we see the importance of what attribute or virtue in our life?

Why would an attribute like this be at the heart of our Christian faith?

DELIVER

As we engage the Living Word, there is always an opportunity for us to move forward with an application from the reading.

What area of your life is culture trying its hardest to make you cast humility aside?

How is humility taught these days to the next generation?

In what way did Jesus exercise humility when He walked in our world?

Read Philippians 2:1-11.

What would be different about your life, relationships, or perspective if you started living out verse 3b immediately?

If you are willing, please share what area of your life is a struggle to exercise humility. List the area and pray for the Spirit to transform this area over the next week. Pray for one another.

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PRAY