

Big Idea: The love of Jesus humbles us.

4 signs of a life humbled before God

1. You don't exalt yourself (v.7–11)

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he **noticed** how they **chose the places of honor**, saying to them,⁸“When you are invited by someone to a **wedding feast**, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him,⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place.¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you.¹¹ **For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.**”

*Humble we must be, if to heaven we go.
High is the roof there, but the gate is low.*
- George Herbert

2. You freely love others (v.12–14)

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be **repaid**.¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be **repaid** at the resurrection of the just.”

The best hospitality is that which is given, not exchanged
- Darrell L. Bock

3. You make Him your highest priority (v.15–24)

¹⁵When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”¹⁶ But he said to him, “A man once gave a **great banquet** and invited many.¹⁷ And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’¹⁸ But they all alike began to make **excuses**. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a **field**, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’¹⁹ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of **oxen**, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’²⁰ And another said, ‘I have married a **wife**, and therefore I cannot come.’²¹ So the servant came and reported these things to his

master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and **bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.**' ²² And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.'²³ And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the **highways** and hedges and **compel people to come in**, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'

4. You give up your life (v.25-33)

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not **hate** his own **father** and **mother** and **wife** and **children** and **brothers** and **sisters**, yes, and even his **own life**, he cannot be my **disciple.** ²⁷ Whoever does not **bear his own cross** and come after me cannot be my **disciple.** ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not **renounce all that he has** cannot be my **disciple.**

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Discussion Questions | **with** - Luke 14

Four signs of a life humbled before God

1. You don't exalt yourself
2. You love people freely
3. You make Him your highest priority
4. You give up your life

Read Luke 14:7–11

- What does it mean to exalt yourself?
- Where do you struggle with not exalting yourself?

Read Luke 14:12–14

- How might God be inviting you to love others without expecting anything in return?

Read Luke 14:15–24

- How could someone tell what your highest priorities in life are?
- What might God be asking you to prioritize this month?

Read Luke 14:25–33

- What aspects of your life have you struggled to renounce?
- How can you grow this week in humbling yourself before God?