The Best Seat in the House

A Table for Two | Week 2

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When Jesus is at the table, nobody leaves exactly the way they came.

1. _____ the Overlooked (Luke 14:1–6).

Luke 14:1; 2-4; 5-6

They were looking for a reason to criticize Jesus. Jesus was looking for an opportunity to show compassion.

2. _____Pride (Luke 14:7–11).

Luke 14:7; 8-10; 11

Pride looks for the best seat. Humility looks for someone to serve.

3. _____ Selflessly. (Luke 14:12–14).

Luke 14:12-14

Real generosity isn't measured by what we get back, but by what we're willing to give.

We don't serve others to make God love us. We serve others because God already loves us.

<u>Four simple ways to give somebody else the best seat.</u>

1.Notice someone.
2.Encourage someone.
3.Serve someone.
4.Include someone.

Questions for Further Study

1. Icebreaker / Team Building: Have you ever been in a situation where everyone wanted the best seat, the most recognition, or special treatment? What happened, and what does that reveal about human nature?

2. Read Luke 14:1–6. While the religious leaders were watching Jesus for something to criticize, Jesus noticed a man who needed help. What does this encounter teach us about the difference between being focused on ourselves and being attentive to the needs of others?

3. Read Philippians 2:3–5. The sermon challenged us to "See the Overlooked." How does Paul's instruction to value others above ourselves challenge the way we treat people? Who are some people we might unintentionally overlook in our everyday lives?

4. Read Luke 14:7–11 and Proverbs 16:18. Jesus challenged the guests who were seeking places of honor. Why is our desire for recognition sometimes difficult to surrender? What are some practical ways we can demonstrate humility when nobody is watching?

5. Read Luke 14:12–14 and Ephesians 2:8–9. Jesus encouraged His followers to serve people who could never repay them. How does understanding God's undeserved grace toward us change our motivation for serving others?

6. Personal Reflection: The sermon challenged us to "Give Someone Else the Best Seat." Think about the people God has placed in your life. Who could you intentionally notice, encourage, serve, or include this week? What specific action could you take to demonstrate the humility and selfless love of Jesus without expecting anything in return?