

## **Scandalous Stories**

### The Parables of Jesus:

#### The Divine Guest List (Luke 14:7-24)

1. Read Luke 14:7-24
2. Who is Jesus talking to when He speaks these parables?
3. Jesus actually tells us two parables (and an exhortation), what is the connection between them all?
4. First things first, where is Jesus in these parables?
5. In the first parable (verses 7-11), who is the guest who sits in the seat of honor?
6. In the exhortation (verses 12-14), what kind of pride is Jesus addressing here?
7. In the second parable (verses 15-24), what is the banquet?
8. What three excuses does Jesus include as to why the guests did not come to the banquet?
9. What false notions is Jesus trying to break with this parable?
10. Where are we in these parables?
11. How does this parable point us to the circuit-popping, mind-blowing grace of Christ?

*Answer the next couple questions on your own:*

1. Write out in your own words how this is a crucified story.
2. What specific things about yourself cause you to be prideful enough to “sit in the seat of honor”? In other words, in what ways do you think you are “good enough or better than others” that deserves a little recognition?
3. When Jesus says, “Come, for everything is now ready”, is there anything that would keep you from immediately accepting His invite? Is there anything you have placed as more important than being with Jesus? If yes, what are those things?

*Either with your family at home, or call a friend and discuss the following questions:*

4. How can we as Christians help keep each other humble so we are exalted by God’s grace?
5. What things can you do, especially now during these difficult times, for those who cannot repay you? How can we extend the grace of Christ in ways that don’t give us the credit or recognition?
6. How can we as a church, help each other always be ready for Christ’s invite to His banquet?
7. How can you as a family or an individual faithfully make sure pride doesn’t become something keeping you from Christ? How can we make sure Satan isn’t using this as an easy trap against us?