

Discussion Questions for “The Guest List” (Luke 14:1,7-14)

1. **What stood out first?**

In the setting (Sabbath meal, assigned seats), what modern equivalents of “status seating” do you notice in church, school, work, or online?

2. **Read vv.7-10. Why the low seat?**

What’s the heart difference between true humility and *performative* humility (the “fake low seat”)? Where are you tempted to manage your image?

3. **Read v.11. Entrusting honor to God**

Where do you feel pressure to promote yourself? What would it look like, practically, to “let God do the honors” this week?

4. **A time you were ‘moved down’**

How did that feel? If you could revisit that moment with Jesus’ teaching in mind, how might you choose differently?

5. **Rethinking our guest lists (vv.12-14)**

Who tends to make your invitation list, and who doesn’t? Name one person who “cannot repay” that you could include at your table (or into your circle) this month.

6. **Transactional vs. Kingdom hospitality**

Where do you catch yourself expecting a return (thanks, invites, social capital)? How could you practice “no-payback generosity” this week?

7. **Family/Household practice**

What would an “Empty Chair” habit look like in your home or small group—intentionally saving a seat/budget for someone outside your usual circle?

8. **Hidden service as a discipline**

Choose one unseen act (anonymous gift, dish duty, last parking spot, giving away credit at work). How might hidden service reshape your heart?

9. **Teens/Students variant**

Your “banquet hall” is the cafeteria, team, bus, or group chat. Who’s at the margins there? What specific step will you take to sit with/include them this week?

10. **Plan and pray**

Make a simple “Plus-One for the Kingdom” plan: who, when, where, what you’ll share (meal, coffee, ride, encouragement). Pray together for courage and joy, and share stories next week.