

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

# soul food

When a meal with Jesus  
was more than food

### OPENING UP



What is the best party you've ever attended? What made it so great?

### TEXT



### Parable of the Wedding Feast | Luke 14:1-11

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things.

<sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup>"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, <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

### MESSAGE OUTLINE



### Big Idea: Humility is essential for anyone to enjoy Jesus

1. Pride keeps us from enjoying Jesus (vv.1-6)
2. Humility allows us to enjoy Jesus (vv 7-11)

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



- Referring back to the passage we see the Pharisees deal with disbelief, legalism and hypocrisy. How do you see the world exhibit these issues? How do you see the church exhibit these issues?
- If the world and the church both exhibit disbelief/legalism and hypocrisy...how can we as individuals choose to be different? What would it require of us?
- Do you think the world views the church as a place of legalism and hypocrisy? If so, what are some things the church could do differently to change that perspective?
- In Chester's A Meal with Jesus he says that our gatherings should be a reflection of God's great banquet...how might we change the way our group meets or the way our church hosts events in order to be more like the banquet / party we see in Luke 14.
- Humility vs. Pride...what are the practical steps you can take to adopt one and reject the other?

## LIFE CHALLENGE



Before Easter, or during Easter weekend, considered inviting the people God has placed on your mind to a party. Parties, according to Chester, create great platforms for gospel opportunities. You don't have to give a little sermon, but just be attentive to people and open about your faith with them.

Ask God to break down any barrier or obstacles that may exist in your own heart when it comes to sharing your faith or inviting others into your life.

## CLOSING PRAYER



Jesus, thank you for inviting me to be a part of your banquet. I do not deserve a seat at your table, but you welcome me. Help me to remember who You are and who I am, that I might remain in humility. Help me to extend the invitation you have given me to others. Give me boldness to talk to my neighbors and show them your love. Amen.