

LifeGroup Questions
No Empty Seats – Luke 14

1. Share one of your favorite meals and why it was a favorite.

2. Jesus often told parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven or the Kingdom of God (both the same). Matthew 22 and Luke 14 compare the Kingdom of Heaven to a banquet. What is one of your favorite descriptions of the Kingdom of God? (Matthew and Luke have a lot of them... “The Kingdom of heaven/God is like...”)

3. Read Acts 2:42-47 – Three times “food” is mentioned, and it is filled with examples of hospitality. Dan said, “Before the church was housed in a structure, the structure of the church was a house.” And “Before there were pulpits and playspaces there were tables and kitchens.” What do you think about that? How do you view your house? What is its primary purpose? Hospitality and mission or retreat and refuge or something else?

4. Read Luke 14:15-21. Dan said that our front-yard mission starts with the hospitality heart of God and it will include rejection. How do you start with God’s heart and how do you deal with rejection? Have you ever faced that kind of rejection?

5. Read Luke 14:21-23. Dan said, “Don’t miss the ache in God’s heart when he sees empty seats.” Where else in the Bible (other than this story) is that statement supported? What do we do if our heart doesn’t ache like God’s?

6. When the Master sent his servants to the blind, lame, crippled and poor. He was sending them to the excluded, the unclean, those living in the margins of society, the least likely (in our minds) to have a seat at God’s table. Who is that in your neighborhood? In our community? In central PA?

7. Where is God calling you to lean into this teaching?