

THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE FRIEND OF SINNERS
DISCOVERING JESUS
THE MAN WHO IS GOD
Group Discussion Guide

In our time together in the book of Luke, we want to discover Jesus, the man who is God, in a fresh way. Each week we will be discovering a new aspect of who Jesus is and how we fulfilled God's redemptive plan for all creation.

STARTER

What was one of the most fun or meaningful dinners/banquet you were ever invited to? What do you believe made it the most fun or most meaningful?

This past Sunday we discussed Jesus parable about the Great Banquet from the Gospel of Luke. It was a story Jesus told to communicate some truths to the people he was speaking with. Tonight we want to look at the story and seek to discover more about Jesus.

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURE

Please take a few moments to read Luke 14:15-24.

What was the attitude that led Jesus to tell this story of a Great Banquet?

What do you make of the excuses of those who were invited but didn't come? What do you believe Jesus was trying to communicate?

What does the generosity of the master communicate to us about Jesus?

What is the significance that those who were invited didn't make it and those who were not invited got to eat at the table?

MAKING IT REAL

It seems that the invitees who didn't come to the banquet had different priorities, or as Pastor David described them on Sunday, disordered loves. What do you believe are some of the disordered loves in your life that lead you away from Jesus?

Those that understood their need are the ones who ended up accepting the invite and coming to the banquet. What are regular ways that help us to keep a proper perspective of our need for Jesus in our lives?

Jesus was a friend to sinner. He went after, or in reality has sent us after, those who are in need of the Gospel. How can we use our skills, opportunities, or influence to invite people into the Kingdom of God?

DISCOVERING JESUS

In this passage we discover Jesus as a friend of sinners. He is not chasing after those who have everything together or appear righteous. He is chasing after those who are lost without him. How does this value of Jesus' need to be reflected in our personal lives and corporately together as the church?

After discussing this, please take a few moments to pray for a work of the Holy Spirit to take place in our hearts that we would be transformed to think and love more like Jesus.