

Luke 14-15 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In Luke 14:16-24 how did the first invitees respond (v16-18, 19, 20) and what did the host do (v21-23, 24)? In reality what was the dinner and who were the invited? What is the lesson?

5. Using Luke 14:25-27 what truth did Jesus declare (v26, 27) and what did He mean? Why do you think He said this (v25)?

6. Read Luke 14:28-35. What two illustrations does Jesus give (v28-30, 31-32) and what is His point (v33)? Based on the third illustration (v34-35) why is this a vital discipleship truth?

7. From Luke 15:1-7 what truth about God was Jesus revealing (v7) and why was it necessary to do this (v1-2)? How did He illustrate it (v3-6)?

8. In Luke 15:8-10 what was the second parable (v8-9)? How was it similar and different from the first in 15:3-6?

9. Looking at Luke 15:11-24 what was the third parable? How was it different from the first two and what does this reveal? What does this teach us the Father's heart?

10. Using Luke 15:25-32 upon whom did this part of the parable focus (v25) and who was this in real life? How did he deal with the Father (v28-30), and the Father deal with Him (v28, 31-32)? What is the point?

11. Review the qualities and qualifications of the guests invited to God's dinner and the nature of the quest for these guests by God. In summary who gets to come and why?

Scripture to Remember

“There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

Luke 11:13 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Words With Friends—Gentleness (Gal 5:23)

(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share some pictures that come to mind when you hear “gentleness” or “meekness”. Why is this an attractive characteristic to some, but a “turn-off” to others?
2. Discuss the 3 pictures of “meekness” - a fulcrum center (balanced), a good soldier (under authority), or tamed animal (power directed positively). Are you meek?
3. Talk about why it is difficult to be meek when you have others that serve you. What are some of the situations in which people are under our authority?
4. Share how you react when someone disappoints you regarding a personal preference. What about when they have a personal failure? How should we respond to each? Why is self-righteousness the area that needs to be brought under control?
5. Explain why it's hard to be meek when others disagree with us. Why is responding in love better than retreating in fear or reacting in anger?
6. How do you react when you are corrected? Why? What is the best approach (Jas 1:21; Prov 13:18)?
7. Share about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Luke 14-15



Jesus' one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

In 1967 the award-winning movie, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner", challenged the biases of the day regarding mixed marriages. Inviting someone to dinner usually implies a personal relationship, and as such carries overtones of acceptance. In this week's study Jesus deals with the issues of acceptance and rejection and uses the imagery of dinners to explore them. Jesus first addresses the qualities of the guests coming to dinner in the kingdom. As He had at other times Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath in spite of the opposition of the Jewish leaders. Not caring about the man, they not only rejected him, but Jesus as well. He showed it was indeed lawful to heal on the Sabbath because people mattered to God, and then exposed the arro-

gance of the leaders with a parable. He told them to choose the last seat at the wedding dinner rather than the first so they wouldn't be humbled when asked to move. They thought themselves better than the rest, but Jesus told them that those who exalt themselves will be humbled. He also taught them to invite the lowliest because there was nothing exemplary about inviting those who could repay the favor. A certain man who was listening missed the point, saying that everyone who ate at the dinner table in the kingdom was blessed. Jesus, however, declared the qualifications for those dinner guests, most importantly that the ones invited would actually attend. Those who make excuses will miss the blessing, but their seats will be filled by anyone who accepts the invitation. He

also shared with them that following Him had a cost that should be considered prior to commitment. Finally, Jesus presented the Father's quest for His guests. With three stories—about a lost sheep, a lost coin, and two lost sons—Jesus showed that the Father's heart is to seek the lost, not those who think they are found. In fact there is greater joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over all who think they need no repentance. By teaching that the repentant are welcomed Jesus showed that there is no need to guess who's coming to dinner.

Study Questions for Luke 14-15

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

1. Read Luke 14:1-6. Who did Jesus encounter (v2), and when and where was it (v1)? How did He handle the situation (v3, 4-5) and how did the Jews respond (v6)? What quality were they missing?	
2. Using Luke 14:7-11 retell Jesus' story (v8-10). Who did He have in mind (v7) and what quality was He encouraging them to have (v11)? How should we apply this?	
3. From Luke 14:12-14 what divine advice did Jesus give His host (v12-13) and why (v14)? What quality was He advocating? How did the one who commented miss Jesus' point (v15)?	

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