

PEFC Weekly Family & Small Group Study Guide

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Paynesville Evangelical Free Church
Walking With Jesus
Resurrection of the Righteous
Luke 14:1-14



Big Idea

Cleanliness and Humility Lead to the Ultimate Payment of Resurrection of the Righteous!

1. The distinction of sitting at the table is cleanliness.
2. Walking with Jesus means choosing humility or you might be humiliated.
3. Resurrection of the righteous is the ultimate payment of blessing.

Introduction

Relate a time when you received an award or honor for something. How did you relate to those around you? How did others relate or react to your getting the award?

Bible Study Questions

Have someone read Luke 14:1-14

Why might some at the home of the Pharisee have been surprised that Jesus would heal the man (vs 1-2)? What hypocrisy does Jesus' expose in the Pharisees?

What does Jesus' illustration in verse five tell us of his priorities? What do these verses teach us about Jesus' relationship to the law? What else does this teach us about Jesus?

How did the guests determine where they would sit at the table (vs 7)? Why? What might be a contemporary example of how we might act like the guests?

What caution does Jesus give to the guests (vs. 8-10)? What might be the consequence of seeking honor for yourself? What does this teach us about the Kingdom of God versus the world?

What might be a real-life example of “*taking the seat of honor*” that we might be tempted with?

What might be an example or situation in which we could choose humility? What might being “*exalted*” (vs 11) look like for us in this kind of situation?

Why does Jesus say to not invite relatives or rich neighbors to your dinner party (vs 12-14)? Who does Jesus say to invite instead? What is the result of each (inviting the rich vs inviting the poor)? How is being “*blessed*” (vs 14) better than being “*repaid*” in verse 12?

What does this teach us about the “*economy*” of the Kingdom of God versus the “*economy*” of the world?

What does this section teach us about the eternal consequences of how we live our lives today? With this in mind, what attitudes might we want to evaluate and possibly change in our lives? How might changing these attitudes affect our actions (daily living)?

Next Steps

Surprise someone with an act of tangible love, following Jesus' example of healing the man on the Sabbath.

Take an attitude of humility when complimented by others. Demonstrate this humility in your actions.

Bless someone in need through a specific action to help them.

Prayer

Pray for someone less fortunate than yourself, that you might be able to bless them. Share life needs within your group and pray for one another. Remember that prayer requests need to remain confidential and not be repeated outside your group without permission.