



## Parable About a Wedding

Luke 14:7-11

### Something to Start Us Off

- Have you ever had the experience of being honored above what you thought you deserved? What was that like?

### Something to Notice

- It seems we are still at the home of the Pharisee, the same place we were in the previous passage. What are people doing that prompts Jesus to tell this parable?
- Where does Jesus recommend that we sit if we are invited to a wedding feast?
- What might happen to us, according to the story, depending on where we choose to sit?

### Something to Understand

At first glance this seems like an utterly practical, day-to-day scene and an ordinary lesson in good manners. The summary lesson that Jesus gives in v.11, however, has wide-ranging application.

- What do you suppose it is that causes people to seek out those “places of honor”?
- How would it feel to be asked to take a lower place than you took for yourself?
- What about being invited to take a better place than you chose?
- Let’s consider that lesson in v.11 for a moment. In what settings do you think this principle can play itself out in important ways?

*“Be more concerned with your character than with your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.” – Coach John Wooden*

### Something to Take Home

- Based on our study of this section of Luke 14, what lessons do you think we learn about seeking a name or reputation for ourselves?
- Is there anything else this look at Luke 14:7-11 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?