



SESSION 1 | March 5, 2023

How Did It Go

- Last week we concluded our study of Pete Greig's *How to Pray: A Simple Guide for Normal People* with the last session on Spiritual Warfare. Where have you sensed spiritual warfare in your life? How have you approached it?
- As a result of Greig's *How to Pray* study, what new insights do you have about prayer? What will you remember from the course? How has it changed your prayer life?
- The sermon last week was on Luke 18:18-27. Pastor Curtis gave the illustration of a plane that could not take off because it was still tethered to the ground by ropes. Discuss the questions he posed: What are we tethered to? What is tying us down spiritually? What would it take for us to untie those ropes?

Read

Read aloud the passage for this week, [Luke 14.1-24](#)

Discuss

HEAD | 15-20 MINUTES

1. How would you describe this dinner scene? What prompts you to describe it the way you do?
2. What are the various issues on the minds of those in attendance? How do they differ?
3. Why do you think Jesus tells the story he does (in verses 15-24)? What is his point?

HEART | 15–20 MINUTES

1. Jesus' first parable (verses 7-14) engages a common tendency exhibited by many of us, in one way or another. In what ways are you tempted to metaphorically “pick a place of honor at the table”?
2. What would prompt Jesus to offer the instruction he does in verses 12-14? What does that have to do with the Kingdom of God? What does it have to do with our discipleship? How is it most challenging to you?
3. In his second parable (verses 15-24), Jesus describes three excuses given that preclude people from joining in the “great banquet.” What excuses are you tempted to give that keep you from growing in your discipleship?

HANDS | 10 MINUTES

Reaching Upwards: Growing in Your Relationship with God

- Spend time each day this week meditating on the way that Jesus made space for you at God's table. If it helps, think about celebrating communion in worship on Sunday, or imagine Jesus as the host at one of the most meaningful meals you have had.
- Reflect upon Jesus' place of humility in washing the disciples feet during the Last Supper.

Reaching Outward: Investing in Your Neighbors

- Intentionally - and prayerfully - take a place of humility with a coworker, neighbor, or family member. Ask Jesus to meet you in it.

Reaching Beyond

- Look for chances to share a meal with someone in need this week. And notice: Jesus' instruction is not only to provide for their needs, it is to join in sharing a meal with them!