

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#56 – “What Do I Deserve?” – Luke 14:1-11

I. Introduction

A. The best seats

1. Pastor Don’s experience many years ago.
2. From a spiritual perspective, if you desire to move forward, you have to begin by moving downward.
3. The Pharisee’s home.
 - a. Special seating will become a topic.

B. Text: Luke 14:1-11

II. Exposition

A. Luke 14:1-2

1. Location unknown.
2. “Man with dropsy” – or edema.
3. “Closely watching him.”
 - a. Sinister connotation in the gospels.
 1. Luke 20:20; Mark 3:2
 - b. Morally unclean – Lev. 15:1-3
 - c. Pharisees are looking for an opportunity to catch Jesus in a contrary stance to Sabbath regulations.

B. Luke 14:3-6

1. Jesus knew their thoughts.
 - a. The Pharisees are placed on the horns of a dilemma.

2. Verse 5 – Son or ox.

3. No reply from the Pharisees. The non-verbal speaks volumes.

C. Luke 14:7

1. The narrative shifts to another topic relevant to the Pharisee’s practice and the invited guests.
2. A parable is employed.
 - a. Note seating order for a first century triclinium table
 - b. Highest honor vs. lowest rank.
 - c. If we desire self-importance, we will always crave recognition.

D. Luke 14:8-9

1. Contrary to the world.

E. Luke 14:10-11

1. Take the cheap seats first.
2. This is a principle that is greater than wedding etiquette.

III. Points for Reflection

- A. The Sabbath regulation was for worship, rest, and doing mercy.

How do we practice the Lord’s Day in our families?
- B. Pride is the root cause for the desire of preferential treatment.
- C. Follow Jesus’ example.
- D. God will exalt you at the proper time.