

Life Group
Discussion
Guide

SENT TO SERVE



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Sermon Summary: The sermon calls us to remember that every person is made in the image of God and that each believer has a unique gift to offer for the good of the whole community. Throughout the New Testament, the kingdom of God is portrayed as radically inclusive—inviting those who are often overlooked or marginalized to take their place at the table.

In Luke 14, Jesus presents the table as a symbol of God’s kingdom. When the original guests make excuses, the host sends his servant out to bring in “the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind”—those who cannot repay and are often disregarded by society. Jesus’ invitation is clear: there is still room at the table, and all are welcome.

Drawing on 1 Corinthians, the message reminds us that the church especially needs those members who might seem weaker or less prominent. The body of Christ cannot become what God intends without the full participation of all its members, including those with disabilities and those on the margins. The sermon challenges us to move beyond the “cult of normalcy,” to resist measuring others by usefulness or return, and instead to make space, offer access, and serve with humility. When we do, we experience the fullness of God’s kingdom—where everyone belongs and contributes to the feast.

Conversation Starter: Think of a time when someone was overlooked or left out (maybe it was you). What made a difference in helping to feel included?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, open our hearts and minds to those who may seem different from us. Help us recognize and overcome the barriers that keep us from seeing others as You see them. Guide us as we learn, listen, and grow together. Amen.

Read Scripture together: Luke 14: 12 – 14

3-Question Study Method

Use this method to understand the passage.

1. What is the passage about?
2. What do I learn about God?
3. What is the lesson I learn that I can apply to my life?

Discussion Questions:

- Who do you see at God's banquet table, based on Jesus' parable in Luke 14:16–24? How does this challenge or affirm your vision of the Kingdom of God?
- Have you ever considered that those you usually invite into your life or home are likely to repay you in some way? How does Jesus' teaching confront this tendency? (See Luke 14:12–14)
- Why do we—individually or as a church—sometimes exclude those who are different, especially those with disabilities? What are some visible or invisible barriers that exist?
- What does “the cult of normalcy” mean to you, and where do you see it operating in our culture or church communities? How does Jesus' practice of table fellowship challenge these norms?
- Can you share a time when you or your church intentionally included someone who was marginalized or seen as “not normal”? What did you learn from that experience?
- In what practical ways can you reach out to those who are marginalized or overlooked in your context? What might you do differently after hearing this sermon?
- Who in your life or community needs to hear this message of radical inclusivity today? How can you extend an invitation or make space for them?
- Why do you think Jesus specifically calls for us to include “the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind” (Luke 14:21)? What does this reveal about God's priorities? (See also 1 Corinthians 12:21–26 or James 2:1–5)

Memory Verse: “For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Luke 14: 11

Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, teach us to seek out the marginalized, the different. Help us to see everyone through Your eyes and to practice radical inclusivity. May we encourage every believer to put their gifts to use for Your purposes. In your holy name we pray.

Amen.