

1. Read Luke 14:15–24. What stands out to you about the heart of the host in Jesus' story? Why do you think Jesus emphasizes, "There is still room" and "so that my house will be full"? What does this reveal about God's heart toward people who are not yet at His table?

*Supporting Scripture: Luke 15:1–7*

2. Jesus repeatedly shared meals with people the religious community tended to avoid. Who are the kinds of people Christians can unintentionally make feel like they don't belong at the table today? What would it practically look like for us to follow Jesus' example?

*Supporting Scriptures: Luke 19:1–10; James 2:1–4.*

3. Think about the statement: "Every empty chair has a name." Who is your empty chair right now? Who has God placed in your life who is disconnected from Jesus or the church? What keeps us from inviting people; fear, awkwardness, lack of knowledge, busyness, or something else?

*Supporting Scriptures: Romans 10:13–15; Matthew 9:36–38.*

4. Do you agree with this statement: making room usually costs the people who are already in the room. What preferences or comforts might mature believers need to surrender so that others can encounter Jesus? Where is the line between healthy sacrifice and change merely for the sake of change?

*Supporting Scriptures: Philippians 2:3–5; 1 Corinthians 9:19–23.*

5. A church building can either become a monument to what God has done or a tool for what God still wants to do. How should a church think biblically about growth, additional services, or eventually expanding a facility? How do we make sure the focus stays on people rather than simply getting bigger?

*Supporting Scriptures: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Corinthians 3:5-9.*

6. What would it look like for you personally to “pull up another chair” this week? Think beyond simply inviting someone to church: Who could you invite to dinner, have coffee with, encourage, include, serve, or intentionally build a relationship with? What is one specific action you will take in the next seven days?

*Supporting Scriptures: Luke 14:12-14.*

7. Have everyone say the first name of their “empty chair” out loud, then have the group pray specifically for those people, that God would open doors for relationship and give each person the courage to extend an invitation.