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Humility is not
thinking less of
yourself, it's thinking
of yourself less.

- C.S. Lewis

Primary Text: Luke 14:1-11

1. Pray (2 mins)

Pause. Acknowledge you are about to open God's word.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate His word.

2. Warm-Up (20 mins)

Prepare our minds to receive.

- How was the homework assignment? Any discoveries you would like to share?
- Reminder: Why, ultimately, did Jesus use Parables?
- When reflecting on the message this past Sunday, what most resonated with you?

3. Illuminate (30 mins)

On the reverse side of this page you will find our text. Use this page to circle/underline/connect.

- When we arrive at our text, where is Jesus? Paint a picture of what is going on.
- James 4:6 says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." God opposing us would be a terrifying thing; how did Jesus display humility for us? Any specific texts come to mind?
- According to the wisdom given by Jesus, what is the true path to exaltation? When you think of humility, what type of person comes to mind?
- What does verse 11 foreshadow for all people? How does this "land" on your heart?
- If you desired to grow in your knowledge of wisdom and humility, where would you look in the Bible to help you in this pursuit?
- The truths of the Bible are meant to be shared. Let's close our Bibles and notes and try to walk through this text together as a group from memory.
- Does everyone feel confident in their understanding of this text? Any questions we need to research to answer next week?

4. Pray (10 mins)

Learn what the Bible says about prayer. Close in prayer.

Trinitarian Prayer Structure:

- Pray to the Father
- In the power of the Spirit
- By the authority and merit of the Son

TEXT: Luke 14:1-11 (The Parable of the Wedding Feast)

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ² And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴ But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵ And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶ And they could not reply to these things.

⁷ Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

HOMEWORK: Ready your heart for Sunday ([Ready resources - warrenbaptist.org/ready](http://warrenbaptist.org/ready)).

1) Read Luke 14:12-24 (The Great Banquet) – Circle, Underline, Highlight

¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

¹⁵ When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” ¹⁶ But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. ¹⁷ And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’ ¹⁹ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’ ²⁰ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ ²¹ So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ ²² And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ ²³ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”

2) What do you think Jesus’ main message was in this text? Any questions you need to research further?
