

LIFE STORY

**THE STORY OF THE
MISTAKEN CHAIR**

Luke 14:7-11

**LIFE GROUP
STUDY GUIDE**

Luke 14:7-11 (ESV)

7Now 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,

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.

10But 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.

11For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

What do you notice in this story?

What details stand out to you?

What is Jesus' motivation to tell this parable (see Luke 14:7)?

Why does Jesus tell his listeners not to sit in the seat of honor?

What does Jesus say to do instead? Why?



WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Why do you think the Holy Spirit intended this story to be in Scripture?

What do you think it looks like to place yourself in a "seat of honour"?

Why is it shameful to be asked to move?

What do you think it looks like to place yourself in "the lowest place"?

If God is seen as the 'host' in the story, what does it mean for him to be the one who determines a person's place?

What does it mean to exalt yourself?

What does it mean to humble yourself?

Jesus is urging people to seek after the honor that God gives rather than the honor that we proudly take.





WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME? WHAT CAN I DO THIS WEEK?

Has there ever been a time when you have been humiliated when you have tried to exalt yourself?

What are the subtle ways that you have elevated yourself above others?

In what ways do you seek the approval of others?

In what ways do you define your status?
Which are the world's ways and which are God's ways?

How do you seek to be humble?

What is the Spirit showing you in relation to humbling yourself?

How can you seek God's approval instead of other people's approval?

Read the following Scriptures and meditate on the way that they encourage you to humility:

1 Peter 5:5-11
Philippians 2:1-11
Psalm 131

PRAYER

How can the group be in prayer for your needs or concerns this week?

Is there anything that you would like to thank God for from the previous week?