



# Class 4 - Hospitality: Rules of Hosting & The Found

“Thou shalt be recompensed at the  
resurrection of the just!”

# Introduction - Key Concepts

- Pastoral care is not to be an ‘after-thought’ in the life of a believer
- Hospitality is sometimes “messy” – involving interacting with those we would not normally associate with
- Seeking the lost is part of our discipleship



# Rules of Hosting: Luke 14

Jesus tackles three issues at once:

1. It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath! (v. 3)
2. Don't choose the best seat/food/etc for yourself! (v. 10)
3. Be careful who you 'choose' to invite to dinner! (v. 12)

# A Divine Axiom

Luke 14:11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

# Key Words in Luke 14:12-13

- “call”: Greek ‘phoneo’ = to emit a sound; by implication, to address in words or by name
- “dinner”: Greek ‘ariston’ = the best meal (am)
- “supper”: Greek ‘deipnon’ = the chief meal (pm)
- “feast”: Greek ‘doche’ = a reception



Proverbs 19: 17 He that hath pity upon the poor  
lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he  
hath given will he pay him again.

# Characteristics of those we should invite...

- poor                      Matthew 5: 3 ¶ Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- maimed                  Mark 9:43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed... And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off...And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out:
- lame
- blind

Deuteronomy 14:29 And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

# Segue to Luke 15

Proper, unhindered, non-exclusive, open, generous hospitality will solve the problem of the lost – no one will want to stray from the ecclesia – and no one will get lost inside it!



# The Parable of the Found

- v. 1-2 – Context: Publicans & Sinners (as ‘hearers’) vs Pharisees & Scribes (as ‘deriders’)
- v. 3-7 – One found sheep out of a 100.
  - relates to the ‘publicans and sinners’
- v. 8-10 – One found coin out of 10. Found inside the house.
  - relates to the ‘Pharisees and scribes’
- v. 11-32 – One found son out of 2
  - Younger Son = ‘publicans & sinners’
  - Older Son = ‘Pharisees & Scribes’

# The Younger Son

“Father, I have sinned against heaven,  
and before thee,  
and am no more worthy to be called  
thy son:  
make me as one of thy hired servants.”

# The Older Son

“Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:”

**He had lived with his Father all those years, but he had NOT developed his Father’s characteristics!**