

## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Cultivating Heavenly Possibilities” Complement to sermon on 02/7/2021 – “Feasting”**

### **ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. What is your favorite meal?
2. If you could have any 3 people come to a party at your house, who would you pick?

### **MEMORIZE – Matthew 7: 24-25**

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

### **READ Luke 14**

#### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What sticks out to you in this passage? What did you like? What didn't you like?
2. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
3. What is this passage revealing about God? About us as humans?
4. Who is Jesus speaking to throughout chapter 14? Luke actually records who he is directing certain parables and illustrations to. Take time to locate each of these. (hint: there are 5 times Luke explicitly states who Jesus is talking to) What difference does this make to the meaning?
5. Twice Jesus speaks of inviting the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. (v 13 & 21)
  - a. What would it take to apply this in your own life?
  - b. What would it take to do this when a church body gathers?
  - c. What keeps you from doing this in your own life?
  - d. Why does Jesus say to do this?
6. Jesus likens the Kingdom of God to a great feast. However, the guests who were invited (and RSVPd to come) seemed to change their minds the day of the feast. What reasons (excuses) were given to not attend? Are these valid? (hint: none of them are) How do we do the same thing?

### **Experiential activity – “Throw a Matthew Party”**

Read Luke 5: 27-32. After becoming a follower of Jesus, Levi (Matthew) invites a bunch of his tax collector friends for dinner with Jesus and the other disciples. Plan a Matthew party of your own. Invite friends who are followers of Jesus and friends who aren't. Spend time praying about who to invite and then have them over for food and fun. While interacting, reflect Jesus with your actions and share about Christ with your words.

### **SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)**

Great are you Lord - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jCnAAeEJSQ>

For the Sake of the World - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6-KAcJu1Hg>

I Know not why God's Wondrous – Mennonite Hymnal #586

O Praise the Name - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>

### **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

### **Sending prayer based on the lesson:**

Go from here as Ambassadors for Christ making the places you live, work and play look more like heaven. May the Holy Spirit enable you to reflect Jesus and give you boldness to share about Christ as you spend time eating and feasting with others.