

A place at the table (Luke 14:1-14)

Who will have a place at the Lord's Table?

Context

1. God has no place for those who think they are the lords

The party

Why is Jesus invited?

The man with edema

Jesus lays a trap of his own

Expose the state of their hearts

What these Pharisees are actually interested in

"As long as you are proud, you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people: and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you."

- C.S Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

A question for us

2. God has a place for those who know they are the least

Social manoeuvring

The point of the parable

"All those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted" (v.11)

Jesus is also exposing his own heart

"If anyone would like to acquire humility, I can, I think, tell you the first step. The first step is to realize that one is proud." – Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

➤ **When we realise this, it frees us to offer a place to others out of love**

The point & challenge of v.12-14