

As We Go Up (Part 2) – Week 5 – June 29, 2025
“Dinner And A Show”
Luke 14:1-24

1. Jesus healed the man with dropsy even though he was being used as a trap. In what ways have you felt like a prop in someone else's agenda or like you were only valued for what you could offer? What does it mean to you that Jesus saw the man's pain and freed him from that role?
2. Jesus confronted the Pharisees for valuing rules over compassion. Where do you see religious pride or performance sneaking into your own walk with God? How can we stay focused on the heart of God instead of just trying to get it “right”?
3. The guests at the dinner were jockeying for the best seat at the table. What are some of the ways people today still fight for status, attention, or recognition—even in spiritual spaces? How do Jesus' words about humility challenge your definition of success?
4. Jesus used a parable about seating at a banquet to expose pride and misplaced value. When have you chased after something—status, approval, success—that felt meaningful but ended up empty? What helps you remember where your true value comes from?
5. The banquet in the final parable is a picture of the Kingdom of God. What are some of the “good things” in life that can become excuses for not accepting Jesus' invitation? How do you practically keep Jesus at the center of everything else in your life?
6. Jesus extended the banquet invitation to outsiders, the broken, the poor, and the overlooked. Do you find it easier to relate to the proud, the hurting, the outcast, or the ready inviter in this story? Why? What does your answer tell you about where Jesus might be inviting you to grow?
7. Everything else in our lives should become secondary to Jesus. What would it look like for your priorities, relationships, or schedule to reflect that truth more fully? What's one small shift you could make this week to live more in line with Jesus' kingdom?