

PRAY
& GO

Make Room at the Table

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Discussion

1. Throughout Pray & Go, we have been learning to See, Pray, Go, and Welcome. Which of these has challenged or encouraged you the most? Why?

2. What resonated with you from Sunday's worship?

Read Luke 14:15-24.

3. Jesus tells a story about a great banquet to which people are invited. We were guests before we were hosts—Christ made room for us before we ever made room for Him. How does remembering that we have first been welcomed by Christ change the way we welcome others?

4. Some of those invited make excuses and refuse the invitation. We heard, "Your job is invitation. Their response belongs to them." How can this truth help us faithfully invite, love, and welcome others without feeling responsible for their response?

5. Jesus tells the servant to invite people who could not repay the invitation. What does this reveal about the kind of people Jesus wants at His table? Who might we be less likely to invite because we wonder what they can contribute or whether they will give anything in return?

6. Consider these questions: If Christ is in me, who has experienced compassion because of me? Who has been prayed for, fed, clothed, listened to, or welcomed because of me? Which of these questions challenges you most? Why?

7. "Wesley described the Christian life through both works of piety—our practices of loving God—and works of mercy—our practices of loving and serving our neighbor. How can our acts of mercy become opportunities for another person to encounter God's prevenient grace?

8. In Luke 14:22–23, the servant reports, "Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room." What does it mean for us to remember that the table belongs to Jesus and that there is still room? Who might God be asking you to make room for?

Luke 14:21b-24

'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' "Sir," the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.' "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'"

Next Steps

- **Love Jesus:** Thank Jesus for making room for you. Pray, "Lord, help me remember that I am a guest who has been welcomed by Your grace."
- **Connect with Others:** Strike up a conversation with a stranger.
- **Serve the World:** Look for someone who cannot repay you and find a practical way to show them mercy.
- **Reach the Lost:** Pray for someone who may be searching for a place to belong. Ask God to show you how you can make room for them.

Love Jesus. Connect with Others. Serve the World. Reach the Lost.