

Community Groups are used extensively as the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering and run on a quarter system. There is one in the fall, one in the winter and one in the spring. During the summer weeks we don't meet in Community Groups but we still offer the Growth Guides as a tool to help you grow personally. The Growth Guides are designed to help you dig deeper into the weekly sermon on your own or with your family and are available each week along with the note sheets at church as well as online.

COMMUNITY GROUPS ARE BETTER WHEN MEMBERS COME PREPARED. THIS GUIDE HAS BEEN PROVIDED AS A TOOL FOR THAT.

Consider...

Use the summary and discussion below to review and apply this week's message:

Message Summary

Being led is something that so many of us find to be a very difficult thing to do. Well, if we know and respect the leader it becomes something easier, but many of us like to be in control. Often times, when the Holy Spirit leads us, we question whether or not we were hearing God correctly. But how do we allow ourselves to be led by Humility? Honestly, being called to be humble is hard, especially when it comes to dealing with the lost people in this world. I mean, can't they just live the right way? This week, we heard a message from Luke 14:1-14 on how humility should lead us to serve the lost world. Here are the 3 ways we looked at how Humility should lead us.

1. **Humility Leads to Healing:** When Jesus saw the man who was swollen, He did not care about the pride of upholding the Sabbath rules of not working on the Sabbath. In fact, He humbly served the man when no one else would. He then shared with the Pharisees, the point that humility sees no wrong time to serve someone through healing.
2. **Humility Leads to Honor:** Jesus was very observant of the placement in which the Pharisees sat. He then shared a parable about humility in placement. Jesus wanted them to understand, that Humility honors those around us. When we take pride in our placement, we become more focused on how much better we are, and then someone better might come along. He shares verse 11, which should show us how Humility leads to honor among men, and most important with God.
3. **Humility Leads to Hope:** In verses 12-14, Jesus spoke straight to the Chief Pharisee. He shared with him, how humility does not look to be repaid, rather it leads to hope. In a world that is lost, there is a necessity for hope. When Jesus commands the Pharisee, He tells him to invite those who can't repay him, in order that His hope is in God.

Discuss

Use the following questions to review and apply the points learned in the message.

- Have you ever tried to share the gospel with a lost person while being prideful? Have you ever tried mending a broken relationship with pride? How does humility in situations lead to healing between God and man? And between men and other men?
- Read Luke 14:11. Humility leads to honor, but how does this honor challenge us to share the gospel with humility? How do we share with a lost world, the honor that has been given to us?
- How have we, as humans, been humbled before God? Read John 17:3 and discuss how we have been honored by God? How has the honor of relationship with God, encouraged you to humbly serve the lost world?
- We can have hope because Christ humbly gave Himself. Humility leads to hope for the lost, because we are able to see others as God sees them. How can humility allow us to grow the hope for the lost world that they so desire? How does the lack of hope in the lost, humble us to show the world true HOPE?
- What takeaway, if any, did you have from this week's message?