

Community Group Homework Questions

1. Throughout His ministry, it seems that Jesus purposely chose to heal on the Sabbath Day as He did in Luke 14:1–6 to go after or confront the wrong religious views of the leaders of Israel. How should those who say that we should never bring up the errors of other religions or other churches (whether non-Christian religions or within Christian denominations) rethink their perspective in light of these actions of Jesus?
2. Luke 14:7 says that while Jesus was at a meal hosted by a ruler of the Pharisees, He noticed that some of the crowd wanted to make sure they got the best seats or the seats of honor, so they either showed up early to grab the best seats or they forced their way in front of others to grab the seats of honor. Pastor Bryan commented on this verse: “Jesus noticed that. He always notices. He sees everything we do, and He knows what is going on in our hearts to prompt us to do what we do, and He knew what was in the hearts of those who were grabbing the places of honor.” How should the fact that God knows what is going on in our hearts in every circumstance in our lives motivate us to live in holiness?
3. In Luke 14:8, Jesus calls for and encourages humility. He emphasizes the importance of self-awareness. Pastor Bryan applies the principle of this verse by saying, “Don’t be the person who talks all the time, who talks too much, who makes sure everyone hears your opinion, who thinks you ought to be in the place of honor or recognition.” Why is self-awareness so important for Christians? How do you want to grow in self-awareness in your own life?
4. In Luke 14:11, Jesus states the axiomatic truth, “For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” How does this truth motivate you to walk in humility? Where do you need to grow in humility in your own life?

Trying to Reach the Heart

Luke 14:1-14

Series #86

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **“Trying to Reach the Heart.”** All questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. The Bible is thoroughly what?
2. The Bible was written mostly by Jewish men and it was largely to what kind of audience?
3. What were the two years of the judgment on the northern and southern kingdoms in Israel?
4. The Old Testament is all about God’s work with whom?
5. What gospel was written by Jewish man, to a Jewish audience, to convince them that Jesus of Nazareth was and is the promised Messiah?
6. What happens if we don’t recognize that the Bible is very Jewish?
7. Why did Jesus get into “hot water” at various points in his ministry?
8. The Sabbath Day is what day?
9. Is there a verse in the Bible that tells us that God changed the Sabbath Day from Saturday to Sunday?
10. Many people would have seen Jesus’s statement in verses 3-5 as a claim of a what?
11. Jesus was claiming that, as God in human flesh, He had the authority to do what?
12. Jesus was also claiming to be more important than what?

13. In Matthew's account, Jesus claimed to be greater than the what?
14. What command did the Jewish people elevate above all others?
15. Besides elevating the Sabbath command, what else had the Jews done to it?
16. Should we never bring up errors of religion and always do everything we can to keep the peace with religion? Why or why not?
17. In relation to the woman healed by Jesus in Luke 13, Jesus was "called on the carpet" for being what?
18. What do we know about the motives of the man who invited Jesus over to eat?
19. What disease did the man in Luke 14:1-14 have?
20. Why did Jesus ask the question He asked in verse 3?
21. Why were the Pharisees silent when Jesus asked the question?
22. The illustration of verse 5 had what kind of an answer?
23. The meals that they had were often not what?
24. Some of the people who came to the meal wanted to make sure they got the what?
25. In verse 8, Jesus is calling for and encouraging what?
26. The person who lacks self-awareness and isn't socially sensitive to others rarely practices what?
27. In verse 9, Jesus is trying to save us from the embarrassment of being asked to what?
28. In verse 10, Jesus is telling us to what?
29. If you exalt yourself, sooner or later, what will happen?
30. What other passages reinforce what Jesus said in verse 11?
31. How is Pastor Bryan inclined to take what Jesus says in verse 12?
32. Jesus instructed the man not to be motivated by what?
33. The rulers of the Pharisees were trained and indoctrinated to believe what?
34. Jesus wants the man to start thinking about what?
35. Was Jesus promoting the idea that one can earn their way to heaven by ministering to handicapped people or feeding the poor?
36. What's the point Jesus is making in verse 14 when using the words, "the just" or "the righteous"?
37. How could the Pharisee become positionally righteous in the eyes of God?
38. How about you?