

Dinner with Jesus pt. 4 - Hungry and Humble
Sunday, September 28, 2025

As you join this discussion, let the Holy Spirit guide you. Share your thoughts and reflect on the message. Work through the guide by reading Scripture and answering a few questions.

Open Up:

- At a big dinner or event, are you more likely to grab a front-row seat or hang back and wait to be invited forward?

Read Together:

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Luke 14:1

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

Luke 14:8-10

"When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests.

Luke 14:11

For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Luke 14:27

And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

Luke 22:19

And he **took** bread, **gave thanks** and **broke it**, and **gave it** to them saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

Discuss Together:

- In Deuteronomy and Micah, God calls His people to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly. Which of those feels most natural to you, and which is the hardest? Why?
- We looked at how Israel struggled with faithfulness, and how the church later struggled with power and influence. Where do you see similar struggles for God's people today?
- The "Constantinian shift" gave the church influence and status, but it also created compromises. How do you think power changes the way Christians live out their faith—positively or negatively?
- In Luke 14, Jesus noticed people jockeying for the best seats. Where do you see that same desire for status, recognition, or honor in our culture—or in your own life?
- Jesus modeled humility at the table—taking, blessing, breaking, and giving. How might we live this same rhythm in our own relationships and service?

Pray:

Pray for God to give you the humility to see yourself accurately before Him, the courage to serve others without seeking recognition, and the faith to live in the way of Jesus even when it's countercultural.

Invitation:

This week, choose one tangible way to "take the low seat" in your life—whether at work, at home, or in a relationship. Serve quietly, without recognition, and reflect on how that practice shapes your heart.