

THE *Gracious* Host



Luke 14:1-24

Setting the Table

IN-SERMON NOTES

HOSTING TIP

Hospitality begins long before the first guest arrives.

“Come, for everything is now ready.”

– Luke 14:17

The meal was prepared before the invitation was accepted. In the same way, God’s grace always goes before us, making room for us long before we know we need it.

ONE THING

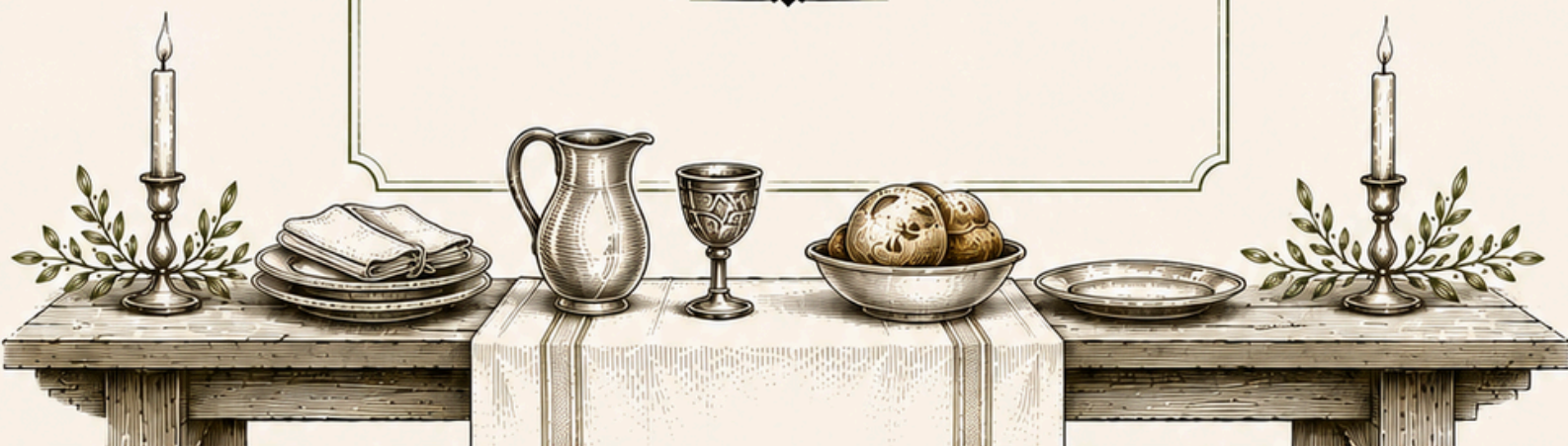


TABLE TALK



LifeGroup Questions.

1. What is one meal or gathering from your life that you still remember fondly? What made it special?
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2. If you could invite anyone—living or dead—to dinner, who would you invite and why?
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3. Why do you think meals and hospitality are so important throughout Scripture and especially in the Gospel of Luke?
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4. What stood out to you about the man with dropsy and Jesus' response to him? Why do you think Luke includes him at this particular table?
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5. The sermon suggested that the Pharisees were thirsty for honor, status, and religious certainty. What are some things that people today might pursue that promise satisfaction but never truly fulfill?
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6. What fears, expectations, or social pressures make it difficult for us to practice the kind of hospitality Jesus describes in Luke 14?
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7. Who is someone in your life that might need an invitation, encouragement, or simply a place to belong this week? What would it look like to take a small step toward welcoming them?
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SHOPPING LIST



A few ingredients for practicing hospitality this week.

- Read Luke 14:1-24 each day this week and sit with the text in a posture of prayer.
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- Share a meal, coffee, or dessert with someone outside your normal circle of friends or family.
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- Pray each day for one person who may need an invitation, encouragement, or a place to belong.



THE BLESSING



A simple prayer for this week.

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*Jesus, thank You for welcoming me to Your table.
Teach me to become a welcoming person, extending the same grace that You have first extended to me. Amen.*