

**42 – Luke 14:1-14 – Not worried about being watched**

How is following Jesus shaping your heart and forming your character?

**Setting the context**

Luke 9:51 ... Jesus is heading to Jerusalem

... warned people to be right with God before they meet him.

... many who thought they would be in heaven will miss out.

**1) False teaching exposed (v1-6)**

Luke 14:1, Jesus is being watched.

“Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?”

... Jewish law forbade healing

... God’s OT law did not.

“If anyone has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath, will you not immediately pull it out?”

There is no difference in action if your heart is shaped by what God’s word really says and by what God’s heart is really like.

... their heart was not driven by compassion, it was hardened by legalism and blindness.

**2) False hearts exposed (v7- 14)**

... they grab the prominent, ‘important person’ seats.

... do not exalt yourself, but rather humble yourself.

Jesus directly addresses his host (v 12)

... not to invite people to his house who are simply going to repay him with a dinner at their house.

Instead, invite those who cannot repay you, the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. People who will not repay you ever.

V 14, if you do this you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

**For us today****1) Your Heart**

a. Legalism not grace

Firstly, legalism can be our point of connection with those who do not follow Jesus. Grace gives people a reason for the hope we have in the risen Jesus.

Secondly, legalism can be the way we relate to each other as followers of Jesus.

What might it look like if we were to reflect the heart of God and show grace to your fellow follower of Jesus?

Self reflection

Prayer

Friendship and Encouragement

Understand

Explore other options

Ongoing walking

Does not mean ignoring sin.

- Gal 6:1
- Matthew 18:15-20

Exposing false teaching among the followers of Jesus... 2 Peter and Galatians.

b. Self exalting or humble

verse 11, we should have humble hearts not self-exalting ones.

“How is your church influencing the world for the better?”

### Questions

How do we exalt ourselves?

... how do we secretly exalt ourselves

How is humility reflected in your life?

2) Friends who simply repay us

More next week