

Studies in the Life of Christ

NT Survey Lesson 31--Luke 14

Introduction: Jesus took every occasion to teach those around Him. In this chapter a dinner invitation affords Him the opportunity to talk about salvation and discipleship, using the dinner itself as an object lesson of the kingdom's truth.

Lesson aim: To emphasize the principles of discipleship taught by Jesus.

Jesus heals a man with dropsy--Luke 14:1-6

1. Why do you suppose the Pharisees were watching Jesus so closely?
2. What question did Jesus issue to them? How did they answer?
3. How did Jesus point out their hypocrisy?

Parables at dinner--Luke 14:7-24

1. What did Jesus notice that the guests were doing as they were seated?
2. What principle of the kingdom did Jesus use this experience to teach?
3. What advice did Jesus give to the host of this dinner?
4. Why did He urge Him to do this?
5. What exclamation was made to Jesus by one of the guests that was present?
6. What is the basic message of the parable Jesus told this man?
7. Review the excuses made for rejecting the dinner. What excuses do people use today in rejecting God's offer of salvation?
8. What is symbolized by the rejecting of those invited and the issuing of the invitation to the "poor, cripple, blind and lame"?

Counting the cost of discipleship--Luke 14:25-35

1. What did Jesus mean when He said one must "hate" his family to be His disciple?

2. What two things did Jesus say one must do to be his disciple (v. 27)?
3. What is the point of the parables about the builder of the tower and the king who goes out to battle?
4. What must one give up in order to become a disciple? What does this mean?
5. What is the point of Jesus remarks about salt? How is the disciple like salt?