Message Notes: Luke 14:1, 7-14 Those Who Exalt Themselves Will Be Humbled By God

- 1. Why did a prominent Pharisee invite Jesus into his home for a feast?
- 2. As people are getting seated for dinner, what are all the Pharisees scrambling to do?
- 3. Which of the three examples of thinking too much of self do you find yourself in most often (one-upper, wet blanket, mansplainer)?
- 4. Humility approaches God saying, "God, I have _____ and to bring to you, but I humbly cling to _____ and what he did on the _____."
- 5. List some of the people Jesus said to invite to events.
- 6. Why these types of people? What was Jesus' point?
- 7. How can we help set the table now for the banquet of salvation?
- 8. In five words or less, write down a thought or two that you took from today's message.

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GETTING STARTED

If you could have the best seats in the house, what would you choose: Super Bowl? A rock concert? Philharmonic orchestra? Phantom of the Opera on Broadway? A Royal Wedding?

INTO MY HEART

What were some thoughts from the text / message that stuck with you this week?

Let's do a little recap. What's the situation for Jesus entering into our text?

How does Jesus' view of honor vary from that held by others at the meal?

What does this passage teach you about the differences between kingdom values vs. social values?

In verse 7 Jesus observes subtle social behavior. What does that tell you about his ability to observe your behavior? How does that make you feel?

How do things like customs and status get in the way of humility and serving others in your family, church, work place, and community?

If you threw a party for the "poor," "crippled," "lame," and "blind," who would you invite? How might you do this?