

Growth Group Questions

12th Sunday after Pentecost, August 31, 2025

Introduction

We live in a culture that often encourages people to promote themselves and seek the best place for recognition. But God's kingdom operates differently. Share a time when you saw true humility displayed in someone's life. How did it affect you?

Into the Word – Proverbs 25:6–7a

Solomon gives a picture of humility before a king.

Why is it “better” to be invited up than to push yourself forward? How does this proverb still apply in today's world?

How can remembering our place before God as forgiven sinners shape the way we approach relationships, work, and leadership?

Into the Word – James 2:1–13

James challenges the church not to show favoritism.

In verses 1–4, what kind of favoritism is James warning against? What are some modern ways this might show up in our own churches or daily lives?

In verses 8–11, James points us to the “royal law.” How does loving your neighbor fulfill God's law?

Verse 13 says, “Mercy triumphs over judgment.” What does that mean for how we treat others? How does it comfort us personally?

Into the Word – Luke 14:1, 7–14

Jesus tells a parable about humility at a banquet and speaks directly about generosity.

Why does Jesus warn against seeking the place of honor? How might that temptation look in our lives today?

In verses 12–14, Jesus tells us to invite those who cannot repay. What does this teach us about true generosity?

How does this parable reflect the way God himself has treated us in Christ?

Closing Prayer:

Gracious Lord, you humbled yourself to serve us and lift us up through your cross and resurrection. Teach us to walk in humility, to show mercy without favoritism, and to serve others as you have served us. Make us rich in love and generosity, that others may see your goodness in us. Amen.