

GO FURTHER | NOVEMBER 14 | RECLAIM COMMUNITY

START TALKING | Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Have you ever been to a memorable dinner party? What made it memorable? The food? The company? The conversation?
- On this Veterans' Day week, who are you thanking and honoring that served?

START THINKING | Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read Luke 14:1-11
- What words or phrases jump out at you?
- Jesus pushed back against the rule to work on the Sabbath by healing someone in need.
- Are there religious rules in your life that get in the way of helping other people?
- How can we prioritize people over rules as a church?
- Being recognized and honored is a natural human desire.
- How can we cultivate humility in our lives, doing the right thing regardless of praise and acknowledgement?

START SHARING | Choose a question to create openness.

- Read Luke 14:12-24
- What words or phrases jump out at you?
- Jesus challenges the host to welcome everyone to the table, not just those who could pay them back.
- How can we show hospitality to all in our own lives?
- How can we show hospitality to all as a church?
- What excuses do we make when Jesus calls us to do a task, to take a new step of faith?

START PRAYING | Be bold and pray with power.

• Lord Jesus, help us to move, to act and to go when you call us to make a difference. May we remove all the barriers so that everyone is welcome in our lives and in our church. Since you welcomed absolutely everyone to the table, we know we must live likewise. May your Holy Spirit give us the boldness to show hospitality to all we encounter. In our resurrected Savior's name we pray, Amen.

START DOING | Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Take up the challenge to extend or receive hospitality twice from people you would not normally say yes to.
- For more on everyone welcome at the table, check out this 7-day devotional: https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/14073-a-place-at-the-table