

## Eating Bread with Pharisees – YUK! [Luke 14: 1-14]

### References to humility and pride.

#### A man with dropsy sits in front of Jesus

- In this third Sabbath healing - the response of the Pharisees escalates from anger, to humiliation, and now silence

#### Jesus asks a second rhetorical question: *Which one of you shall have a son or an ox fall into a well, and not immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?*

- The master of reversal turns the tables again on the Pharisees – *what you demand of others is not what you practice*
- The Pharisees are now the ones being observed and examined

#### Jesus addresses the guests with a parable, when he notices how they choose the best seats

#### We like the best seats – especially near the host or boss

#### Jesus confronts hypocrisy and selfish pride in verses 7-11

#### After addressing the guests jockeying for table position – Jesus now rebukes the host

- The host occupies reserved seating – or so he assumes
- He uses people rather than loving them
- Our adoption as a child of God is the only honor that matters.

#### But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind

- Luke gives us a second cue in the words: *the poor, crippled, lame, and blind*
- Jesus is the one who heals – restoring people to worship and the presence of God *with a true heart in full assurance of faith.* (Heb 10:21)

#### Why did Jesus accept the invitation to dine at the house of a Pharisee?

#### How do we apply the Parable of the Wedding Feast?

- *Though he was rich yet for our sake became poor so that by his poverty we might become rich* [2 Cor 8]
- Jesus is the host who invites poor, crippled, lame, and blind sinners - you and me to a place of honor saying – *friend, move up higher* – all the way to heaven.