

Sermon Discussion Guide September 14, 2025 Luke 14:1,7-14

Discussion Questions:

1. Understanding the Sermon:

- o What did you think when you heard the phrase "Jesus loves nobodies"?
- o How does this message challenge the way we often seek to be "somebody"?

2. Reflecting on Personal Experience:

- o Have you ever felt pressure to be seen as important or special to others? Share or write down an example.
- o How did you deal with that pressure? Did you succeed? How did it make you feel in the end?
- o Share a time when you felt like a "nobody." How did you find comfort during that time?
- O What makes it hard for you to call yourself a nobody?

3. Exploring Biblical Themes:

- o In what different ways do you see the people in the text trying to prove they were somebody?
- What do you think surprised the Pharisees the most when Jesus preached his parable to them?

4. Application to Daily Life:

- o How can we, as a family, practice humility and avoid the trap of seeking validation from the world?
- O What are ways we can remind ourselves that our worth comes from God's love for us, not our achievements?

5. Role of Acceptance:

- o Why is it difficult to trust in God for acceptance rather than people?
- o How does calling yourself a nobody lead to you becoming a somebody.

6. Turning to Jesus:

- How does Jesus' life and actions (such as helping the man with dropsy) illustrate his love for those who might be overlooked?
- o How can we be more like Jesus in seeing and valuing the "nobodies" around us?
- o How did Jesus' becoming a nobody change your status before God?

Closing Prayer:

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by your Holy Spirit to follow the example of your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.