



## Citizens of Heaven - Week 5

### Choose Your Seat Wisely

Luke 14:1, 7-14

*Citizens of Heaven know how to throw a better party.*

### ***It's (Still)The Season of Pentecost!***

*"What did Paul mean when he said that "Our citizenship is in heaven?"*

*This series has helped us live according to the values of God's kingdom.*

***Today, we will read a story about how Jesus went to a dinner party and acted as the ultimate buzz-kill with a simple truth.***

### ***We live in a status-oriented world.***

*We measure things in "likes," "followers," or "influence."*

*We all have our little pecking orders, even if we're not "elite."*

***When we abandon humility and buy into the narcissism of the day, we begin to see one another differently, and not in a good way.***

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### ***Luke 14:1, 7-14***

- *Jesus and his complicated relationship with the Pharisees.*
- *They were watching him, but Jesus was watching right back.*
- *The walk of shame in the Greco-Roman world—choose a better seat.*
- *Inviting people to the table who you get nothing from—a new way.*

***When we lose our sense of humility about the grace we've been given, we have a much harder time showing it to anybody else.***

### ***What Do We Learn Here?***

1. *Don't get too high and mighty, we're all just sinners saved by grace.*
2. *Seeking status and recognition as a goal can lead to being humbled.*
3. *If you want to "throw a better party," embrace a bigger kind of crowd.*

*When the wrong people showed up at the church luncheon.*

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## SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

### FOR FURTHER READING:

#### **What Is God's Kingdom? And What Does Citizenship Look Like?**

*Cesar Garcia*

#### **What If Jesus Was Serious About Heaven?**

*Skye Jethani*

#### **On Earth As In Heaven**

*NT Wright*

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