



# THRIVE CHURCH

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE | SERIES: FOCUS: LEARNING TO SEE CLEARLY

TITLE: A MEAL FOR THE AGES

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 14:12-24

## One Thing Follow-up:

**We tend to ask, “Why?” You rarely get an answer when you ask, “Why?” You always get an answer when you ask, “How can I glorify God today?”**

Q. How can you make sure that glorifying God is a daily goal?

## Opening

As Christians, Scripture is our guide. This means all Scripture, not just the warm and fuzzy parts. Scripture can be hard, convicting. Everything we need to know about God and everything God has to say to Christians can be found on the pages of Scripture. Christians need to be people of Scripture now, maybe more than ever.

## Series Review

We are continuing in the series this week called Focus: Learning to see clearly. This series will focus on the parables shared by Jesus. These parables will both challenge us and instruct us. This week we will be taught through a meal that our work is to invite all to the table.

## Review the Message

**Many rules to get to the table and at the table, but through it all God’s heart shines through the parable that Jesus shares.**

Q. Do you have assigned seats when family comes over?

Q. Who have you “given up” your seat for?

**Read Luke 14:15**

Q. Share some “churchy” things you have said or you have heard said.

**Read Luke 14:16-17**

**“Come, because everything is now ready.”**

Q. Is this a “normal” party that Jesus is discussing?

**Read Luke 14:18-20**

Q. What excuses have you made to not go to a party that you didn't really want to go to?

Q. Do you feel that the excuses were legitimate or made up?

**Life's concerns get in the way of making the right choices or WE LET life's concerns get in the way of sharing the good things God is doing.**

Q. Share the last time you let life push you away from being involved in God's work?

**Following Jesus means following Jesus, not assigning him to a lesser part of our lives when it's convenient for us to follow. We follow him; he doesn't follow us.**

Q. How would you describe how you follow Jesus?

**Luke 14:21**

**Jesus uses the parable to describe the new invitation list. The people on the wall now find themselves at the table.**

Q. Have you ever found yourself in this situation?

**It doesn't matter where you've been or what you've done, God has a place for you at the table.**

Q. When did you realize that by looking at the people Jesus hung out with, that you too fit in?

**Ultimately, the church is an incredible picture of God's grace. Those at the table realize they haven't earned a spot. They are there by grace.**

Q. Share the most recent case of God's grace in your life.

**We must make all the times like these part of our testimony and the invitation to the table.**



**Living It Out  
Application**

**Read Luke 14:22-24**

**There is a task to be finished. The host says, “Go everywhere...” This is the task he has given to us with “All authority...” Thrive Church is all about the invitation.**

Q. What is God saying to you through this lesson?

Q. What will you do about it this coming week?

Q. How can we help you?

**Prayer:**

Q. Are there any specific things we need to pray about or needs to focus on?