



**An  
Upside-  
Down  
Kingdom**

**Luke 14:1-14**

1. God's kingdom emphasizes love, compassion, and deliverance for those in need. 14:1-6



**Jesus reveals God's  
compassion, love, and  
power to deliver when he  
heals on the Sabbath day  
instead of following the  
rules and waiting one  
more day to heal the man.**

**14:1-4**

**The religious leaders taught that a person had to obey all their religious rules in order to be pleasing to God. Jesus taught and demonstrated that following their religious rules was not as important as reflecting God's character.**

**14:4-6**

**How am I revealing  
God's character to  
those in need?**

**2. God's kingdom emphasizes humility and service to others over self-interest and self-promotion. 14:7-11**



**Humility is a key characteristic of those who follow Jesus Christ and is to be expressed by deliberately acting to bring about what is best for others at the expense or cost of my own self-interests. 14:7-10**

**God honors those  
who deny themselves  
for the sake of  
Christ. 14:11**



**Am I glorifying God  
or am I glorifying self  
in how I manage or  
control my own self-  
interests?**

**3. God's kingdom requires me to live out God's inclusive character in my social connections by revealing the worth and value of the most marginalized people in our society. 14:12-14**



**Unlike God, I am tempted  
to be hospitable only to  
those who are like me,  
who believe as I do, and to  
those who may be able to  
do something for me.**

**12:12**

**I am to reveal God's  
character, not mine, by  
being inclusive of those I  
would consider to be on  
the "margins" of our  
culture, those who have  
no chance to enhance my  
standing or reputation.**

**12:13**

**Jesus says when I do  
this, I will be blessed  
and rewarded at the  
end of all things. 12:14.**

**How hospitable and  
inclusive am I of those  
who are on the  
margins, who cannot  
enhance my reputation,  
but might harm it?**