



# THE BEST SEAT ...

Luke 14:1,7-14

## ***Humility at the table***

- ❖ Don't pick the best seat – pick the least important seat
- ❖ 'Those who humble themselves will be exalted'
- ❖ Beware of 'self-positioning'

## ***When inviting***

- ❖ It's about attitude – don't invite for reciprocity or self-promotion, invite those who you can serve not those who benefit you
- ❖ Invite those shunned by society
- ❖ It's not what you earn, it's who you eat with (John Smith)

## ***Avoid musical chairs***

- ❖ *Don't fight over a seat*
- ❖ *Find someone to sit with*
- ❖ *In God's kingdom, there's a seat for everyone – God is the host*
- ❖ *Invite all people to the best seats*
- ❖ *There is a seat for you!*

***Jesus gave his life, took the lowest position (the cross), so we could be invited to the best seat***

This is what God's kingdom is like:  
a bunch of outcasts and oddballs  
gathered at a table,  
not because they are rich or worthy or good,  
*but because they are hungry,*  
because they said yes.  
*And there's always room for more.*