



## Tell Me the Story of Jesus

## Lesson 14 – Luke 14

### People — Who is involved?

*A man with dropsy.  
Pharisees and lawyers*

### Places — Where does it happen?

*The house of one of the rulers of the  
Pharisees.*

### Pearls — What information will help me to understand better?

*Vs 2 – Dropsy is the pathological accumulation of diluted lymph in body tissues, appendages and cavities. It is associated with edema (swelling) sometimes caused by kidney or heart diseases.*

*Vs 3 – The Sabbath laws are found in Exodus 20:8-11; 31:12-18; 35:1-3; and Leviticus 23:3.*

*Vs 4 – To answer “yes” would mean they could never again accuse Jesus of violating the Sabbath.*

*To answer “no” would mean they could not immediately help the suffering on a Sabbath.*

*Vs. 9 – “With shame” indicates humiliation at being put down before others.*

*Vs 13 – Jesus not only encouraged humility but he was unselfishly thinking of those not invited.*

*These are those who could not afford payback and who are true subjects of benevolence.*

*Vs. 15 – Notice the spiritual relationship Jesus emphasizes by speaking of the “kingdom of God.”*

*Vs. 16 – The obvious intent is to call attention to the invitation to salvation God offers to man.*

*Vs. 18 – The three excuses dealt with earthly possessions (18); making a living (19); & relationships (20)*

*Vs. 23 – “Compel” probably here does not suggest physical force, but sincere persuasion.*

*The “highways and hedges” are places where one might not expect to find guests for a feast.*

*Vs. 26 – “Hate” is used in the relative sense here of “loving less.” Jesus is not requiring that we despise our families, but that we love him above all these human family relationships.*

### Perspectives – What may I learn from this chapter?

- 1. God gives grace to the humble; He resists the proud.*
- 2. Jesus must be put first in our lives in all things. We must be willing to forsake anything else for Him.*
- 3. Making excuses for unfaithfulness and unwillingness only makes matters worse.*