



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.*