



**Synopsis**

*A snapshot of the chapter*

This chapter centers around Jesus' teaching on humility and giving all to follow Christ. It begins with Jesus healing a man of "dropsy." Then Jesus told two great parables. The first is teaching that one should be humble and not presume to take the most prominent seat at a wedding feast. The second relates to those who make feeble excuses for refusing to come to a great supper given by the Lord. Others will take their place and they will be left out. Jesus then explains that we must be willing to leave all else and follow Him. Christ must come first in our lives; otherwise, we cannot be His disciple.

**Observation**—What do you see?

*Important Person(s):*

*Main Event(s):*

**Study Questions:**

1. *Why were some critical of Jesus' healing the man with dropsy? How did He respond?*
2. *Why would Jesus say not to invite our relatives and rich neighbors to our dinners?*
3. *What excuses do we sometimes make that are similar to those in verses 18-20?*
4. *What does it mean to "hate" one's family?*
5. *How does Jesus use "salt" to teach a lesson? (see also Matthew 5:13).*

**Questions:**

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