

LESSON 8
MOVIN' UP
LUKE 13:18—14:35



1 What are some signs of status?

2 Why is status important to some people?



Read Luke 13:18—14:35 and the following notes:

☐ 13:30 ☐ 14:7–11 ☐ 14:7–14 ☐ 14:11 ☐ 14:16ff ☐ 14:28–30

3 Why did Jesus tell the parable of the wedding feast (14:7–14)?

4 Why did Jesus tell the parable of the great feast (14:15–24)?

5 What do these parables have in common?

6 What did Jesus say about those who seek honor and status for themselves (14:8, 9, 11)?

7 Why is status a problem for some?



The people of Jesus’ time made distinctions among themselves on the basis of status. Pharisees and experts in the law had high status. Rich people and those with authority had high status. Healthy people had high status. Meanwhile, almost everyone else—the poor, disabled, uneducated, and powerless—had low status. Jesus criticized the people for caring about these differences. He wanted his disciples to see things God’s way, to realize that status doesn’t matter to God—it matters only to the world. We should show concern for all people, especially those who have low or no status.

8 In your world, who are the people to be seen with?

9 What are the “places to be”?

10 What makes a person great in God's eyes?



11 Whom do you know who is great in God's eyes yet has low status in the world's eyes?

12 What part of your image have you tried to protect?

13 Describe a time when you tried to raise your own status.

14 Describe a time when you avoided people because of their low status.



15 Name one status-seeking behavior you would like to eliminate from your life now.

16 What person of low status (poor, disabled, or uneducated) can you reach out to this week? How will you reach out to this person?

A How is the Kingdom of God like a mustard seed (13:18, 19)? How is the Kingdom of God like yeast (13:20, 21)? How does this affect our expectations of the way God works in the world?

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B In what sense is the door to heaven narrow (13:22–30)? Why will some who associated with Jesus be unable to enter? Who might these people be today? What’s the difference between associating with Jesus and knowing him? How can a person enter the narrow door?

C Why was Jesus determined to go to Jerusalem (13:31–35)? Why did God’s people find it difficult to listen to God’s prophets? Why did Jesus grieve over this fact? What can you do to reach those who oppose God?

D What excuses do people make today for not accepting Christ’s invitation to salvation, i.e., his “great feast” (14:15–24)? What can you do to “go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come” (14:23)?

E What would happen if we didn’t love Jesus more than our families and even more than our life (14:26)? How does this affect your relationships at home?

F Why must a person count the cost before following Jesus (14:28–33)? What will it cost you to follow Christ completely?