

MOOREBANK – HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
The Great Banquet

1. What is the worst case of a missed opportunity that you can think of? What made it so bad? Why was it missed?

Read Luke 14:7-14

2. In 14:1-6 we read that Jesus was carefully watched. However, while the Pharisees and experts in the law were watching Jesus, he was watching them. What did he observe? (v7)

3. In his parable, what does Jesus warn against and why? (v8-9)

4. What attitude is the Christian to adopt instead? (v10)

5. What suggests that this about an attitude for all of life and not just about dinner seating? (v11) What is God committed to that makes this important (Matthew 23:12, James 4:6 & 1 Peter 5:5)?

6. God's people are to be marked by humility and generosity. What is generous about asking 'the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind'?

7. Look at v11 and v14. What encouragement does Jesus give to pursue humility and generosity? How does Jesus exemplify humility? (Philippians 2:5-11)

8. C S Lewis said 'Humility is not thinking less of ourselves, but thinking of ourselves less'. Ask of yourself, do I seek attention? Do I respond only to those who can pay back with respect or kindness or some other 'currency'?

9. One of Jesus dinner companions makes an observation that is hard to argue with. Yet Jesus replies with a story that serves as a warning. What danger is he warning of?

Read 14:16-20.

10. Despite having been previously invited, 'all alike' (v18) now decline the invitation. How do you rate their excuses?

11. What is the reason that those first invited 'will never get a taste of my banquet' (24)?

12. The Pharisees demonstrate that it's not enough to be originally invited. Are you walking humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)?

13. 'A person can't save themselves, but they can damn themselves'. Discuss.