

“Honor”

Ruth 1:15-18

Luke 14: 7-14

- As a group re-read the scripture
- What’s the fanciest party you’ve ever attended?
- JD gave us some advice in this sermon... Most of which was tongue-in-cheek... He told us to not ask Jesus about coming to church, or about our money, or about our social media. We should also not want to ask about the future, or feeding 5000, or put us in a boat and ask us to step out.
 - But really we’re supposed to ask aren’t we?
 - What do you have trouble asking Jesus about or for in your life?
- When attending a gathering Jesus noticed ever jockeying around the table trying to get to the best seat, the “seat of honor”. He made a few statements about honor at that point. He was concerned about very different things than the other guests.
 - What do you consider the most important things about a person?
 - What do you think makes them “honorable”?
- When Jesus tells us how to live it’s not advice, it’s not like Eppie or PoPo. His words are commands.
 - How well do you follow His words?
 - How well do you know what He thinks?
- In the story of Ruth it made total sense if Ruth stayed in her hometown in Moab. But she stood by Naomi and honored her by following her when it made no sense. God took them back to Bethlehem, and Ruth is known as the grandmother of Jesse, the father of King David. We know about Ruth because she followed God even when it didn’t make sense.
 - When has God commanded you to follow Him, even when it didn’t make sense?
 - How did it turn out?
 - Is He doing that now?
 - How will you respond?
- On September 11th, 2022 Dundee Presbyterian Church will host Crossroads Connection, a ministry to prisoners that are on parole, and will be released soon. JD said “You have to be there! Why? Because Jesus tells you have to in the passage from Luke today.” He reminded us that Jesus tells us to attend parties where the guests will NEVER be able to repay us.
 - How do you feel about something like that?
 - How will you respond?

- Shouldn't we imagine that everything in this life is practice for the next life?
 - How will you respond?