

(1) Why? (verse 14)

7. Share a thought that stood out to you from your study today.

THIRD DAY: Read Luke 14:15-24

1. In Luke 14:15 a guest *at the table* exclaimed, *Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!* He referred to the anticipated Messianic banquet, or what is known as *the marriage supper of the Lamb* (Revelation 19:9). In response, Jesus gave a parable about this *great supper*. Use Luke 14:16-24 to describe and comment on the following:
 - a. The master's actions (verses 16-17)
 - b. The guests' *excuses* (verses 18-20)
 - c. The servant's report (verses 21a, 22)
 - d. The master's response (verses 21-24)
 - e. Those the *master* then invited to come (verses 21b, 23)

(1) Link this with Mark 2:17. What do you see?

2. What blesses you most about this *great supper*?

3. Share a way the following phrases speak to you:

a. *Come, for all things are now ready.* Luke 14:17b

b. *Go out quickly ... and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.* Luke 14:21b

FOURTH DAY: Read Luke 14:25-35

1. At this point in Jesus' ministry, *great multitudes* followed Him (Luke 14:25). Yet, Jesus made it clear what was required of those who would truly be His disciples. Read Luke 14:26-27 (NLT) before recording the requirements of discipleship. *If you want to be My disciple, you must hate everyone else by comparison – your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be My disciple. And if you do not carry your own cross and follow Me, you cannot be My disciple:*

a. Verse 26

(1) In this context, *hate* is a term of comparison; every other love in our lives should look like *hate* in comparison to our love for Jesus. How does this help you understand the implication of what Jesus taught?

b. Verse 27

(1) David Guzik says, *The one carrying a cross essentially walked down death row to their place of execution. They knew there was no turning back, and it was a total, complete commitment ... You knew your life didn't belong to you any more.*³ Share a place in your life you desire to apply this.

c. How would you describe discipleship to someone? See also John 8:31-32.

a. How did the Pharisees react to this? Luke 15:2

(1) What does this convey to you about Jesus?

2. In response to the Pharisees' complaint, Jesus *spoke* several parables (Luke 15:3). Use the chart below to fill in details from the two parables found in Luke 15:4-10:

	DILEMMA	ACTION	RESPONSE	HEAVENLY REALITY	TAKEAWAY
Sheep	Verse 4a	Verse 4b	Verses 5-6	Verse 7	
Coin	Verse 8a	Verse 8b	Verse 9	Verse 10	

3. Why do you think these illustrations might have been powerful to those listening?

4. In what way does your study today minister to you concerning the heart of God? See also 1 Timothy 2:3-4.

SIXTH DAY: Read Luke 15:11-32

1. Jesus spoke another parable in response to the Pharisees' complaints. This is known as the *Parable of the Prodigal Son*. Use this to describe the following:
 - a. The *younger* son:
 - (1) His request (verse 12)

 - (2) His decision (verse 13)

 - (3) His consequences (verses 14-16)

 - (4) His repentance (verses 17-21)
 - b. The *father*:
 - (1) His actions (verses 20, 22-24)

 - (2) His interaction with the *older son* (verses 28b, 31)

 - (3) His explanation (verse 32)
 - c. The *older son*:
 - (1) His observation (verses 25-27)

 - (2) His reaction (verses 28a, 29-30)

