

July 14/24 Leader's Guide – Small Groups

Seeking the Seat of Honour

Readings: Luke 14:1-14, Ephesians 2:1-10 (see also Phil 2:5-11)

1. Have you ever had the experience of having the best seat in the house?
What did it feel like?

Allow time for sharing.

2. Why do we need honour, respect, and admiration?

We have been created for honour and respect, as God's acts of creation – but to the glory of God, not ourselves. (Cf Eph 2:10)

3. How do we see egoistic pressures inside us? What are some ways they come out?

There is a competition to be raised up above everyone around us. Allow for a time of reflection about how this plays out in our own lives and in the world.

4. How does Ephesians 2:1-10 illustrate what Jesus is talking about in Luke 14:7-14?

Christ took the lowest place, and God raised him to the seat of honour. We, through no merit of our own, are raised up with Christ and seated in the place of honour.

5. What are some practical ways that Christians can take the lowest seat?

Talk through each person's particular situation, and together think of concrete examples of what it means to take the lowest seat in each of them.