

Mar. 14 - Scripture: Luke 14: 1-14

Verses that spoke to you: I prayed before I read the assigned passage and asked God to bring out what he wanted me to share with Eastminster. I wasn't really expecting it but the last three verses 12, 13, and 14 spoke to me the loudest. It explains that we will be blessed if we feed the poor, the sick, the lame, the blind, because they cannot repay us.

Observation: I believe in this passage Jesus is trying to show us how we should put people first, before the law, before what may seem comfortable. The Pharisees were so steeped in the law that they put the law before loving and caring for people. Also, we should put ourselves as a servant to others. God is love, so when we show love to others, we are following Jesus. We need not look for our rewards here on earth, but look forward to receiving them in heaven.

Application: I need to help the poor more with my time and finances. When I read those last three verses, I almost choked on tears. I realized I mostly do for those I love or share something with. People who can love me in return or can repay me in kind. There is always a multitude of opportunities to help the poor and sick. Haiti comes to mind right now. The giving must be continual, not just during a catastrophe.

Prayer: Dear Lord, please show me how you want me to help the poor and the sick. Please direct me to the right place and circumstance to do your will. Give me discernment and strength to do what you will. In Jesus name, Amen.

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