

## St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

*EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2025! Leading to Worship Sunday, August 31, 2025*

### Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC has a video component on St. John's website and YouTube channel. This week, Jesus teaches that practical, Everyday advice works – both for us and for his Kingdom! Click here: <https://youtu.be/DMjiHoxsBZs> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

### Three Points

- In Luke 14, Jesus is watching while a group of dinner-goers take their seats. They must seem to be all vying for the places of honor, nearest the host.
- Jesus tells them: when you go to a wedding banquet, don't sit at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished comes, because in that case, you would be kicked out and moved down in disgrace. Rather, sit in the lowest place, and allow your host to come to you, because when the host moves you up, "you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you." (Luke 14:10)
- And when you invite people to your own dinners or events, do not invite your friends, lest they invite you in return, but rather invite those who cannot repay you.

### Two Questions

- What oddly practical advice – How to Look Good in Front of Others! But what do you think is really going on? Surely Jesus is not trying to help avoid faux pas? What more Godly reasons would Jesus have for focusing us on our place among the least? What Godly reasons are there for focusing us away from our improving our "status?"
- Isn't it hard to accept a gift, no strings attached? When you give something to someone, or invite them, is it "their turn" next? Even if you do not think they "owe" you, how often does your "giftee" try to reciprocate? What is Jesus telling us about his gift of salvation in this simple, practical advice?

### Action Step

- Embrace your place among those who need you! Then live and give generously while there, and seek nothing in return!

*Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?*

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!