



BIG IDEA: Humility is about descending into greatness.

THE SETTING

Jesus is dining at the house of a prominent Pharisee on the Sabbath.

Jesus was being watched carefully.

A man with dropsy is healed.

The guests could not reply to what had just happened.

THE PARABLE

Human tendency is to seek self-promotion and status.

Exaltation of self can often lead to shame.

True honor in God's Kingdom is not about self-promotion, but rather self-abasement.

LESSONS LEARNED

Humility as a virtue. (*Colossians 3:12, Proverbs 22:4, Psalm 149:4*)

Reversal of worldly values. (*Matthew 20:16, 23:11-12*)

Application to social interactions. (*Colossians 4:5-6*)

Embracing God's grace. (*Ephesians 2:4-5*)