



Prescription for Life

The Gospel of Luke



20:38 9:48 7:48 6:20-23 11:9 4:18 5:32 3:5-6 1:49-55

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Announcements

1. Change of **fellowship date to Feb. 25** (Feb. 18 is Ash Wednesday—we invite all to worship with us at noon that day!)
2. Seamstresses needed—alterations to choral uniforms at Webb Middle School. Contact Kathy Willis 512-826-6309 or kathy71willis@gmail.com
3. Covenant hosts Church Women United on Fri., Feb. 6, 9:30 in FE 200. "Our Journey". St. John's United Methodist Food Pantry. All are welcome. Susan Holman 512-452- 6890. jaholman@swbell.net



Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VY0s6n0u9Vs>

Come To The Table, by Michael Card







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Luke 14

1. God's Hospitality 14:1-24
 - a. Pharisees v. 1-6
 - b. Guests v. 7-14
 - c. Everyone v. 15-24
2. The Cost of Discipleship 14:25-34



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“everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”



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Whom shall I invite?

extravagant grace!



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4. **Fomo** What good excuses do you have for refusing/ignoring the BEST?



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God's has sent us an invitation, through His Son, to a lavish banquet—an invitation-only, come-as-you-are celebration.

Won't you accept the invitation to live into joy?



The Cost of Discipleship

Luke 14:25-34

“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—and yes, even his own life—he cannot be My disciple.”



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A cross—sacrifice and suffering

“Discipleship is a series of deaths.”



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“The Christian way is different...Christ says, ‘Give Me all. I don’t want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work: I want you. I have not come to torment your natural self but to kill it. No half-measures are any good. I don’t want to cut off a branch here and a branch there. I want to have the whole tree down. I don’t want to drill a tooth, or crown it, but to have it out. Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires you think are innocent as well as the ones you think are wicked...the whole outfit.’”

--C. S. Lewis



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The warning—we can lose our saltiness



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Luke 14:25-34

What has it cost you to follow Christ?



from

F I N E

to

R E A L



F fed up

R relational

I insecure

E energetic

N neurotic

A authentic

E exhausted

L loving