

**Key Scripture**

Luke 22:14 NLT

When the time came, *Jesus and the apostles sat down together at the table.*

**Religion or Relationship**

Luke 14:1-4 NASU

It happened that when He went into the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees on the Sabbath to eat bread, *they were watching Him closely.* 2 And there in front of Him was a man suffering from dropsy. 3 And Jesus answered and spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, *"Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?"*

**Games people play**

✓ **Formalism** (Luke 13:10-21 Healing a Woman on the Sabbath)

✓ **Name Dropping** (Luke 13:22-30)

Luke 13:25 NLT

*When the master of the house has locked the door, it will be too late. You will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Lord, open the door for us!' But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'*

✓ **Finding Weaknesses** (Luke 13:31-35 Rumors & Intimidation)

Luke 13:31-33 NASU

31 Just at that time some Pharisees approached, saying to Him, *"Go away, leave here, for Herod wants to kill You."* 32 And He said to them, *"Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I reach My goal.'*

✓ **Entrapment** (Luke 14:1-6 The Man with Dropsy)

✓ **Upstage** (Luke 14:7-14 Parable About Humility)

Luke 14:11 NKJV

*whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.*

✓ **Excusing Yourself** (Luke 14:15-33 Parable of the Master's Banquet)

**How are you bringing others to the table?** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Setting The Table

## The Law of Relationship

**Next To Jesus**

**1. Let people know what you're for...**

***instead of what you're against.***

Luke 13:14 NLT

14 But the leader in charge of the synagogue was indignant that Jesus had healed her on the Sabbath day. "There are six days of the week for working," he said to the crowd. ***"Come on those days to be healed, not on the Sabbath."***

Luke 6:9 NLT

Then Jesus said to his critics, *"I have a question for you. Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?"*

**2. Don't remain silent when given the opportunity to repent.**

Luke 14:3-6 NIV

3 Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, *"Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?"* 4 ***But they remained silent.*** So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him away. 5 Then he asked them, *"If one of you has a son or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull him out?"* 6 And ***they had nothing to say.***

**3. Set the table for those outside your inner circle.**

Luke 14:12-13 NLT

12 Then he turned to his host. *"When you put on a luncheon or a banquet,"* he said, *"don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward.*

***13 Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.***

**4. Be ready by not excusing yourself from the mission.**

Luke 14:16-18 NLT

16 Jesus replied with this story: *"A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. 17 When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, 'Come, the banquet is ready.' 18 But they all began making excuses.*

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