

## 10/29/17: Dialing It In Week Three -- Group Discussion Questions

**Remember!! These are suggestions! Tailor this to the personality of your Group...**

**Welcome & Intro:** After welcoming, snacks, etc, choose one of these (great place for Apprenticing Leader!):

- High/Low: Have everyone share a high and a low from their week.
- Icebreaker: What was Halloween like for you growing up?

### Announcements / Transition with Prayer

#### Discussion Intro:

- Now that your Group has had a few weeks to connect, you can introduce / reintroduce an Up / In / Out conversation for the beginning of your time together. These conversations take key elements of following Jesus - and move them out of Sundays and Group gatherings and into the rest of our lives. *How healthy and intentional has our relationship with God been (Up)? How healthy and intentional have our relationships been with our closest circles, including our Group (In)? Where are we creating space for gospel conversations in our week (Out)?* You can find some suggestions for these conversations at [www.discochurch.com/groupcorner](http://www.discochurch.com/groupcorner). This week, you could introduce the "In" conversation -- but let everyone know these will become a regular part of the Group time. Keep this conversation BRIEF. You are not looking for answers from everyone! And until your Group is practiced at this, be sure you're ready to be transparent as the Leader!

**Discussion** (*Remember: CHOOSE those that fit your Group! The point is NOT "getting through" the questions!*)

- Give a brief reminder of the theme of last week's discussion (parable of the sower). Last week we talked about some steps that we could take to better hear, retain and persevere in God's Word. Did anyone take any steps that you could share with us?
- What stood out to you from Jon's sermon this week? Or from anything else in the service?
- **Read Luke 14:1-24.** What are some things that stand out to you in these verses? What can you learn about Jesus in this passage? About people?
- What are some ways that you can see some of these situations playing out today? (*Leaders: Do NOT allow them to use this to point fingers at any person or group of people.*)
- To which character or situation can you most directly relate? Which most challenges you?
- In v. 16-24, what seems to be the primary concern of the Host? What does this tell you about God?
- (V. 16-24) Jesus' listeners in first-century Palestine would have understood that those to whom the servant was first sent had already agreed to come to the banquet and now were backing out. In that honor-shame culture (as opposed to the guilt-innocence paradigm that dominates Western culture), Jesus' listeners would also have recognized the deep insult given to the Host of the Great Banquet. (*Leaders: for a BRIEF overview of the world's three dominant cultural paradigms, check out <https://p2c.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Guilt-Shame-and-Power-Worldviews-and-the-Gospel.pdf>*) Are there ways in which you have seen your own self-focus and thin excuses cause you to miss out on God's purposes? In what ways have you experienced God equipping you to set that right?
- If you are in the story as one of God's guests, but also as His servant, to whom specifically is God sending you? What step can you take this week to build opportunities to extend invitations?

#### Application Step:

- Challenge your Group Members to choose three people for whom they will commit to pray daily, that they will respond to God's Great Invitation!

#### Prayer (*Break early enough from the discussion to give ample time*)

- Break into smaller groups to share requests. Consider praying for each others' "three".