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4. What did Jesus notice in v.7? And who were the people that generally sat next to the host?
5. Kingdom principles are often opposite from the world's. What spiritual principle does Jesus highlight in v.11? See also Psalm 7:6-7, Daniel 4:37, 1 Peter 5:5. Can you think of any other “inverted” kingdom principles? See 2 Cor. 12:9-10, Luke 13:30, Luke 9:24.
6. Is Jesus telling us to never invite our friends and family over for dinner? To whom is he directing our attention to in vs.12-14? Do you think God notices our acts of generosity and kindness? See Mat 10:42, 1 Cor. 4:5.
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