



# VIP

February 25 & 26

Access to Everything

*This sermon study is designed to be used the week after the sermon it supplements. Before using the study in your group, it might be helpful to work through the questions on your own. The purpose of this guide is merely to help facilitate discussion, so don't feel pressure to visit every question.*

## SERIES OVERVIEW

When you hear the term "VIP" (very important person), who do you think about? Maybe you think of getting your hands on a backstage pass at a concert, or court side seats to a game. VIP status isn't given to just anyone -- you have to do something or know someone to receive it.

As human beings, we all want to feel important, but we rarely admit it. In the Bible, Jesus speaks to our worth and how He sees us in Matthew 18 - 21. In God's eyes, He sees us as one of a kind because of what He did for us on a cross.

## TEXT

Luke 14:7-23

## ADDITIONAL TEXT

Ephesians 2:1-6, John 10:10,  
Ephesians 2:8, Colossians 2:11-12,  
Galatians 3:27, Romans 6:3-4

## GETTING STARTED

If you could have your pick of any seat in the house at a sporting event, concert or, show, what would you choose and why?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. What impacted you the most from this weekend's sermon? What will do with what you've heard?
2. What lesson is Jesus teaching in Luke 14:11? What is true humility? What does it have to do with the way you treat other people?

3. Read Luke 14:15-24. The people in Jesus' story were making excuses so they wouldn't have to attend the banquet. Aaron said, "Lame excuses are easy to spot when others give them but much harder to see when we use them." What excuses are you making in your life right now? What is keeping you from what Jesus is offering?
4. What does it mean to give your life to God? What negative perceptions have you heard about giving your life to God? What areas of your life are you still holding back from God?
5. What is sin? How does sin mess with God's purpose for your life? What kind of life does God promise in John 10:10? How does that sound to you?
6. Aaron identified three kinds of people: those trying to prove their VIP status, those trying to earn their VIP status, and those who have received God's grace. Which one best describes you now? Why? What impact do the words of Ephesians 2:8-10 have on you?
7. What is baptism according to Colossians 2:11-12, Galatians 3:27 and Romans 6:3-4? What significance does it have in your relationship with Jesus? If you have been baptized, share how it has changed your life.

## NEXT STEPS

In the kingdom that Jesus came to establish, everyone is a VIP. God is offering you VIP status through the finished work of His Son, Jesus. He has invited you to extend that same invitation to others by pointing people to Jesus and telling the truth about God's love. With Ephesians 2:1-6 as your motivation, challenge each other this week to show someone they are a VIP to God.