



Camp RidgeKids 2025 | Elementary Small Group (Day 3)

Day 3 Small Group: Room at the Table

Text: Luke 14:15-24

Waypoint: *Belonging – Make Room for Someone New*

Key Verse: Romans 15:7 – “Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you.”

Bible Story Summary

Jesus told a parable about a man who planned a big banquet and invited many people. But when the invited guests made excuses and didn't come, the man sent his servant out to invite others—the poor, the forgotten, and anyone he could find—so that the table would be full. The story shows that God's invitation is for everyone, not just the popular or important. Jesus wants us to make room for others, just like He does.

1. Why do you think the invited guests in Jesus' story made excuses not to come to the banquet?

- What does that show us about how people sometimes treat God's invitation, or others around them?

2. What do you think it felt like for the people who never got invited to anything when the servant said, “You're invited” and pulled up a chair for them?

- Have you ever had someone include you when you didn't expect it? What was that like?

3. What makes it hard to invite someone new into your group—at lunch, at church, or even here at camp?

- What would it take to have the courage to include someone who's left out?

4. Jesus said there's still room at the table.

- Who do you know that might feel left out, forgotten, or like they don't belong—and how could you “pull up a chair” for them?

5. What's the difference between fitting in and truly belonging?

- How can we help others know they belong just as they are, without having to change first?

Prayer

God, thank You that Your invitation is for everyone.

Thank you for making room for us at your table. Help us have the courage to do the same, to see the people others miss, to welcome them, and to help them know they belong.

Show us someone we can invite in.

Amen.