

Vantage Point

How the KINGDOM puts all of LIFE in perspective!

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The Kingdom way of GRACE

Introduction—"Why hast thou accepted me?"

- * **2 Samuel 9:** A glimpse of Kingdom Grace
- King David pursues Mephibosheth (crippled feet)

Last week: WHEN the Kingdom of God? Now...though not yet in fullness!

This week: For WHOM is the Kingdom of God?

- * Everyone who knows of their need and is willing to receive the invitation of grace in Christ!

Way of Performance	vs.	Kingdom Vantage Point of Grace
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Luke 14:7-11—The Kingdom is for those living w/ an accurate estimation of their own brokenness and need.

Luke 14:12-24—The Kingdom is *not* for the presumptuous --- those who assume they are "in"...it is for those undeserving who gladly accept Jesus' invitation of grace—who cannot repay (v.14)

- 1) **1st time out**—the servant finds excuses from the resourced
- 2) **2nd time out**—the servant finds the discarded and they join in
- 3) **3rd time out**—the servant pursues the naïve nations

Luke 18:9-14—

* Trusting one's own righteousness vs. pleading for forgiving mercy

1) **Pharisee** (honored in the culture)—"I am worthy!"

* Posture: _____

* Prayer: _____

2) **Tax Collector** (despised of the culture)—"I am not worthy!"

* Posture: _____

* Prayer: _____

* *Who went home in right fellowship with God?* (v.14)

Luke 18:15-17—For WHOM is the Kingdom? Those who are child-like.

- They look to parents for *identity, worth, security, and purpose*.

* **They** are humble/meeek, adults are proud; **they** are trusting, adults are skeptical/doubters; **they** are eager/open to new things, adults are cautious/closed; **they** are needy/dependent, adults are self-sufficient—we earn our way!