

# POWER PRIVILEGE & OPPRESSION

Luke 14:8-11



# THE SIDE OF THE OPPRESSED

- “Jesus sided with the oppressed” (Lk. 4:18).
- “The whole bent of Scripture is toward the oppressed” (Ex. 3:9).
- Being oppressed is not inherently virtuous (1 Pet. 4:15; Neh. 9:27; Deut. 28:29-34).
- Jesus sided with anyone who would listen to Him (Lk. 7:9; 5:29; 11:37).
- The oppression Jesus wants to free people from is sin (Jn. 8:31-34).



# POWER AND PRIVILEGE

- “God breaks down structures of power and privilege” (Ex. 3:8; 1 Cor. 1:26-29).
- It is difficult to know who exactly falls into which category (Matt. 18:23-35).
- Power is not the problem (Isa. 40:29).
- Privilege is not the problem (Deut. 28:2-12).
- Pride is the problem (Ezek. 24:21; 30:6, 18; 33:28).
- Gratitude and responsibility are the answers to power and privilege, not guilt (Psa. 107; Matt. 25:14-30).

