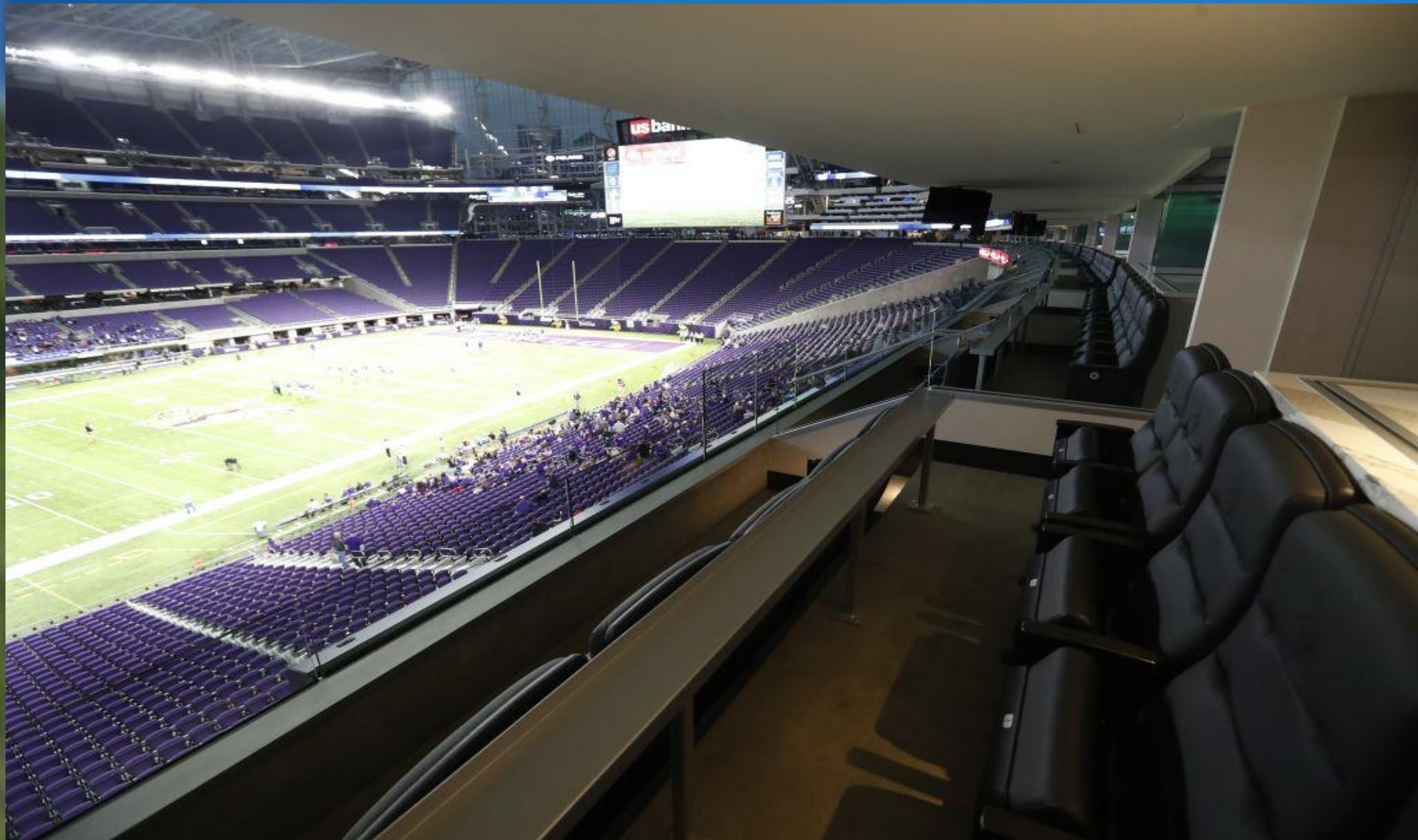




Where are all the good seats?















Luke 14:7-11

Jesus Advice

Find the Right Seat

7 When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: 8 “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited.

9 If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place

10 But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests.

**11 For all those who exalt
themselves will be humbled,
and those who humble
themselves will be exalted.”**



The Big Question:

What will show me and others:

I am somebody special.

I am worthy.

My life matters.

- **Video:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7LrshokTSEY>

What Makes Us Somebody?

Appearance

Fame

Wealth

Comfort

People Who Love Us

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The Greatest Sin

Pride or Self-Conceit



“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” James 4:6

**Humility is not thinking less of
yourself.**

**Humility is thinking of yourself
less.**

C.S. Lewis

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**The Freedom Of
*Self-Forgetfulness***

THE PATH TO TRUE CHRISTIAN JOY

The normal state of the human heart is to try and build its identity around something besides God. Our pride convinces us that we are capable of running our own life and finding something significant to do that will give me meaning in life without God.

Madonna talking about her career.

“My drive in life comes from a fear of being mediocre. That is always pushing me. If push past one spell of it and discover myself as a special human being but then I feel I am still mediocre and uninteresting unless I do something else.”

“Because even though I have become somebody, I still have to prove that I am somebody. My struggle has never ended and I guess it never will.” --

Madonna



No matter who we are or what we do—people will judge us.

It's as though they are delivering a verdict about us.

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**Humility is thinking of yourself
less.**

Every day we are on trial.

**We put ourselves in the courtroom
(the opinion of others or self).**

Are winning or losing?

**We are awaiting the ultimate
verdict.**



Religions and Self Worship:

**Our performance leads to the
verdict.**

Religions and Self Worship:

Our performance leads to the verdict.

Christianity:

The verdict leads to our performance.

**Jesus went
to Court
for you.**



