

Come to the Table

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Scriptures: Luke 5:33; Matthew 9:35; Luke 10:1-9

Bottom Line: Make your table point to God's table

What Is the Best Meal You've Ever Had?

It's not necessarily the food, or the location, that makes a meal great, it's the company you eat with.

Jesus Ate With People A Lot

Jesus ate with tax collectors, pharisees, friends, family, He used meals in His miracles, and He shared memorable meals with His disciples before and after His death.

The people around Jesus noticed how much time He spent eating and drinking with people.

Jesus Turned Meals Into Kingdom Experiences

Jesus brought a "Kingdom Package" to every community He visited. He would teach people, tell parables, perform miracles, and eat with those receptive to His message.

Using Food to Be a Good Neighbour

1. Our tables can point to God's Table
2. Sharing food can create common ground
3. Feeding someone shows their value

Share A Meal This Week

How can you share a meal and be a neighbour to someone this week?

- Engage in their humanity (ask good questions, listen well)
- Be materially or spiritually generous

LISTENING

Have someone in your group share something about their week. They could answer one or more of the following questions:

- What was a big challenge or problem you faced this week? How did you handle it?
- Where did you experience God this week? Or where do you wish you had experienced God this week?
- Based on your life experience this week, what do you think God is trying to teach you right now? What is He trying to build in you?

After the person shares, the group can respond. Make sure you let them know you heard them: tell them what you heard, offer wise advice where it's asked for, share from your own experience as well.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review Sunday's message. What stood out to you? What challenged you? Are there any lingering questions?
2. What is the best meal you've ever had?
3. What would be something that holds you back from inviting people to your table?
4. Take 10 minutes to pray, and ask God to reveal a name of someone you can bring to your table. Who comes to mind? How can you follow through this week?