

AT THE TABLE—1
“Jesus’ Meal With Matthew”

HOSPITALITY IS JESUS LANGUAGE OF LOVE

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2. Jesus **ACCEPTS** people others ostracize

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3. Jesus **EMPOWERS** people others judge

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If I am a follower of Jesus,

1. **I WILL REMEMBER HOW JESUS HAS LOVED ME.**

2. **I WILL TREAT OTHERS THE SAME WAY.**

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