Your Place at the Table

Luke 22:14-15

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The scene of the Last Supper was <u>INTENSE</u>, <u>CHAOTIC</u>, <u>STRAINED</u> and <u>STRESSFUL</u>.

JAMES and JOHN were hot-headed and short-fused (Mark 3:17; Luke 9:51-56; Mark 10:35-45).

<u>THOMAS</u> was the apostle of the glass-half-full (John 11:16; John 20:24-31).

<u>MATTHEW</u> and <u>SIMON</u> <u>THE</u> <u>ZEALOT</u> were politically the "odd couple" of the 12.

<u>PETER</u> was the most hot-and-cold of the 12.

JUDAS was the disciple who has presented artists and movie makers with the greatest challenge (John 13:21-30).

Without <u>JESUS</u>, there would have been no way to have had the 12 reclining at the table of the Last Supper together.

Gathering at the communion table <u>TODAY</u> is only possible when Jesus <u>MEANS</u> <u>MORE</u> to us than the things that would naturally divide us.

Group Discussion Questions

Which members of the 12 most inspire you? Which one(s) most perplex you?

Make a list of non-spiritual issues that threaten the unity of the church.

Remember a time when you were inspired or encouraged by the Christian fellowship you experienced with someone you would not typically associate with outside of our worship assembly.

What things can we do to keep Jesus at the center of our relationship(s) with other Christians?