

Eternity part 7 “The Way of Hospitality”

What does sharing the gospel mean to you?

What if sharing the gospel in the values of the kingdom of Jesus looked more like these?

How did Jesus share the Gospel with others?

Luke 19:1-10

This story was/is not cute, it was and is confusing and even disturbing...

Luke 19:7

- 1) Zacchaeus was a Tax Collector
- 2) Eating a meal was far more significant back then...

Table fellowship was codified. A respected rabbi would never have been caught dead eating a meal at the home of a tax collector like Zacchaeus.

Jesus got himself killed by the way he ate. He ate with all of the wrong people.

For Jesus meals were not a boundary marker, it was instead the sign of God’s great welcome in the Kingdom of eternity, not a way to keep people out, but to invite people in.

Luke 19:9

“Salvation has come to this house”

Luke 19:10

Luke 7:33-35

These are just two examples of Jesus eating and drinking with sinners. These are not the exceptions; they are the rule for Jesus in the Gospels.

The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost, that is what Jesus came to do. The Son of Man came eating and drinking that is how he accomplished it.

Reaching out is what we are called to do as the church... the Gospel always comes to us on the way to someone else

Hospitality

“philoxenos”

Love the stranger

Romans 12:13

1 Peter 4:8-9

Hebrews 13:1-2

Luke 14:12-14

Hospitality for Jesus goes far beyond family and friends, it reaches out passed the boundaries that separate us like, race, class, politics, and religion to be Christ to others. – John Mark Comer

Share a meal or coffee with someone...this week!

Hospitality is both a practice and a posture.