



week one

eating with fringe

bottom line

Eating like Jesus means bringing the outsiders in.



corresponding teaching content

Invite your group members to watch the corresponding teaching by Pastor Andrew on [LivingInhabit.com](https://www.livinginhabit.com)'s Media page before you begin this week's discussion guide.

group icebreaker

Tell about a dinner invitation you have received that felt special to you.

reading scripture together

Read about *The Prodigal Son* in Luke 15:11-32.

play today's group intro video



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suggested discussion questions

getting connected with scripture:

- Read Luke 15:1-2. Who all was in the audience as Jesus told the story of the Prodigal Son? What sorts of different emotions would have been felt by listeners?
- How does this story manage to both encourage and challenge two very different groups of people at once?
- *One brother was wrong to feast lavishly; the other brother was wrong NOT to feast lavishly.* How do we know how to eat & drink well?

getting real with each other:

- Do you identify more with the prodigal son or the elder brother?
- *Jesus leaves the story unfinished as one brother remains standing outside with a choice to make.* What cautions you most about the elder brother's story?
- Why do you think it's so hard for some "elder brothers" to share our Father's heart for prodigals?
- If you are/were a prodigal, how does this depiction of God's love strike you?

getting practical with our faith:

- Who are the "fringe" people of today; people who some elder brother types might be reluctant to eat with?
- What do you think it could look like, practically speaking, for you to share a meal with someone you and/or society might tend to leave out?
- For someone who doesn't know many people like this, what advice can your group share on how to broaden their relationship circle?
- **This Week:** Schedule sharing a table with someone from the "fringe."