

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: Table Talk: Life Changing Meals with Jesus

Message: Part 2 - The Meal That Got Real - [Luke 7:36-50](#)

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Connect (25min)

1. HIGH-LOW-LEGO

- Share 1 High (Blessing) and 1 Low (Battle) from this past week in your life.
- What was 1 of your favorite Toys as a kid?

2. SUMMER PSALM

- Read [Psalm 139](#). Take a few minutes to praise and thank the Lord together in response to this Psalm.

Message Discussion (50min)

1. TABLE TALK

- What's your favorite local *Fast Food Joint* and your favorite *Local Restaurant* (non fast food)?
- If you could have dinner with 2 uniquely different people (currently alive), who would you choose, and why? The three of you would share this meal together.

2. THE MEAL THAT GOT REAL

- Read [Luke 7:36-50](#). How would you describe the location and atmosphere of this "Table Talk"?
- Who do you most identify with in this story – Simon, the woman, or one of the guests – and why?
- What do you learn about Jesus? What do you learn about the guests?
- How does the conversation impact the participants and how does it initially impact you?

3. CHARACTER CONTRAST

- What do you notice about how Jesus responds to the woman's brokenness compared to Simon's pride? How might Jesus be responding to you in similar ways?
- The woman approached Jesus with costly devotion and vulnerability. What would "falling at Jesus' feet" look like in your life today? Is there something you're holding back that needs to be poured out?
- Simon invited Jesus into his house but not into his heart. Where are you tempted to keep Jesus at arm's length? Are there areas of your life that are "off-limits" to Him?

4. MUCH MORE

- Jesus said, "Those who are forgiven much, love much."
How have you personally experienced the forgiveness of Jesus?
- Pharisees were consumed with being right rather than doing right.
How do we avoid becoming "modern-day Pharisees" in our families and faith communities?
- What helps us be people who are more and more like Jesus, full of grace and truth?

**"You're not disqualified by your past or defined by your mistakes.
At Jesus' table, the chair with your name on it is still open!"**

Reflection & Prayer (15min)

TAKEAWAY

- Take a minute of quiet reflection to consider and write down:
 - > What did you learn or identify with most from this story and message?
 - > What is one area or step of response for you with Jesus today?
(repentance, surrender, receiving grace, bold love...)
- Share your response in our prayer time.

HOSPITALITY & OUTREACH

- Have you hosted or shared a meal with anyone outside your usual circle recently? Share your story.
For example - *An unchurched friend, a new neighbor, a co-worker, someone in need.*
- Who are 3 people that you could pray for and connect with over coffee or a meal this summer?

PRAYER

*Break into groups of 3-4, or men & women, to enhance sharing and prayer participation.

- In response to the message and discussion, how can we pray for you this week?
Share & Pray for one another.
- Who is one person in your life that we can pray for together?
(for salvation, healing, provision, protection, blessing...) Share & Pray.