

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: Table Talk: Life Changing Meals with Jesus

Message: Part 8 - Eating With The Enemy - [Matthew 26:20-25](#)

Speaker: Dan Mack

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Connect (25min)

1. BATTLES & BLESSINGS

- Share a *Battle* and a *Blessing* from your life this past week.

2. SUMMER PSALM

- Read [Psalm 23](#).
 - > Where/How have you experienced God's presence and provision this summer? Psalm 23:1
 - > Where/How have you experienced God's rest, renewal and guidance this summer? Psalm 23:2-3
 - > Where/How have you experienced God's protection or healing this summer? Psalm 23:4-6
- Take a few minutes to praise and thank the Lord together in response to this Psalm.

Message Discussion (45min)

1. TABLE TALK

- Think of a time you were at a tense or awkward dinner table (family drama, hard news shared, conflict). Without sharing anything too personal, what made that moment so memorable? How did that experience impact you and how did you respond?

2. EATING WITH THE ENEMY

- Read [Matthew 26:20-25](#). How would you describe the location and atmosphere of this "Table Talk"?
- What do you learn about Jesus? What do you learn about the guests?

3. TRUST & BETRAYAL

- Why do you think trust takes so long to build but can be broken so quickly?
- Can you think of a relationship where trust was broken? What made it difficult—or possible—to rebuild? (Let's try to avoid names/gossip/slander in sharing personal stories)

4. THE TABLE AS COMMUNITY


- **Pastor Dan mentioned that trust often forms around a table ...**
 - in ordinary moments of eating and conversation.
 - How have you experienced this in your own life?
 - What role does "the table" play in building authentic Christian community today?

5. JUDAS'S JOURNEY

- **Judas walked with Jesus for three years**, witnessed miracles, and even performed ministry—yet still chose betrayal.
 - What does this teach us about the difference between *proximity to Jesus* and *intimacy with Jesus*?
 - How can we guard against being "near" Jesus without truly knowing Him?
- **Eleven disciples called Jesus "Lord" that night; Judas called Him "Rabbi."**


- What's the difference between seeing Jesus as just a teacher versus truly as Lord?
- What does calling Jesus "Lord" require of us in our daily lives?
- **Judas allowed greed and unmet expectations to choke out his faith.**
 - What are some "thorns" that threaten to crowd out God's Word in our lives today?
 - How do we identify and uproot them before they grow too strong?
- **Judas ended in regret, not repentance.**
 - How would you describe the difference?
 - Can you think of a time when regret actually led you toward repentance and deeper faith?

6. REDEMPTION PLAN

- **Considering the story of Joseph and his brothers in the book of Genesis ...**
Joseph said, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good"  [Genesis 50:20](#)
 - Where have you seen God redeem betrayal, loss, or hurt in your own story?
 - How does that give you hope in present struggles?

Application & Prayer (15min)

APPLICATION

-  [Psalm 23:5](#) - *You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.*
- **This week, invite someone to your table**—family, neighbor, coworker, friend.
 > Use a meal as a way to build trust and community. Who might that be for you?
- **Ask God in prayer:** "Am I holding on to regret instead of turning toward repentance?"

PRAYER

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

- Thank God for His faithfulness, even when trust is broken.
- Pray for healing in relationships marked by betrayal.
- Ask for courage to truly know Jesus as Lord, not just Teacher.
- Pray that our church would be a community of trust, authenticity, and hope.
- Pray for one another as needed.