

Dinner with Levi

Luke 5:27-39

Why Study the Meals?

- Meals play an essential role in human _____, in church _____, and in Jesus' _____.

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- Jesus wanted to _____ sinners.
- Jesus' goal was to bring them to _____.
- Jesus didn't offer them a _____ or a _____—he offered _____.

- Jesus ate with sinners because eating with him was _____. (John 6:48-51, Luke 5:8, 20, 24)

- Jesus warned them that eating with him would _____.

Eating with Jesus Today

- The antidote to sin is not _____ or _____—it's _____ Jesus.
- If you truly spend time with Jesus, you can never _____ again.
- Eating with Jesus should give us a heart to _____.
- The only way to share Jesus with sinners is to _____ ourselves.

Discussion Questions

1. What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Describe a meal that was especially meaningful for you. What made it so important?
3. Have you ever felt like you were far away from God because of your sin? What does it change to know that Jesus is especially close to you during those times?
4. Have you ever backed away from a friend or relative because of their sinful lifestyle? How would Jesus act in that situation?
5. Jesus was known for eating with tax collectors, who were an especially controversial type of "sinner." They were treated as social outcasts among many, but they were also wealthy and privileged because they preyed on the poor and oppressed. Who are the especially controversial 'sinners' in our world?
6. There is tremendous pressure in our world to accept everyone exactly as they are. Jesus accepted people, but he never left them as they were. How can we balance love and truth like Jesus did?
7. In the sermon we heard that "Eating with Jesus should give us a heart to share Jesus." Does that come naturally to you? If not, how can we cultivate a heart that yearns to share Jesus?
8. How many non-Christian family members do you have? Friends? Neighbors? Co-workers? How much time do you spend with non-Christians?
9. What opportunities do you have to build relationships with more non-Christians?
10. Eating is one of many ways to build relationships with non-Christians. What are some other ways?