



This guide is an invitation to follow Jesus with greater purpose and hope. It will help you to explore the scriptures and challenge you to live out your faith. Each week we'd love for you to think about how you relate: **Up** (with God), **In** (with church) and **Out** (with neighbors).

Weekly Questions:

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
- How are you living up with God?
- How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
- How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

Habits of a Church on Mission

Luke 22:7-38

- **Preparing for the meal.** Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare the Passover meal. How does planning ahead for a meal (considering dietary needs, schedules or preferences) reflect the way Jesus loves and sees people? What are the preparations we need to make in our hearts before we gather with others?
- **The equality of the table.** At the table, Jesus breaks bread and shares the cup, establishing a new covenant. He disrupts the world's power structures by stating that the "leader" should be like the "one who serves". In what ways can our church tables look different from the "tables in palaces and halls of power"? Jesus knew betrayal was sitting at the table, yet he still shared the meal. How does this change your view of people you find difficult to love?
- **Missing the point.** Even after the meal, the disciples fall into a dispute about who is the greatest. We miss the point of the table when we are more concerned with "seating charts" or "locking doors" than building longer tables for uninvited guests. What does it look like for our church to be more concerned with creating a seating chart or guest list than focusing on having enough seats? What does it look like when our church is disappointed when uninvited guest show up to the same table?
- **Parable of the long spoons.** In this story, the difference between heaven and hell is not the circumstances, but how people treat each other. In heaven, people use their "long spoons" to feed the person across from them. In hell, people try to feed themselves with the long spoons and it never works. Who in your life is "hungry" for connection or wholeness right now? How can you use your "long spoon" this week in your break room, home, or daily living?

Practice: Presence over Programs

This week, the table we share in worship is practice for your everyday tables. How can your hospitality help others to see Jesus in you this week?