

Meals with Jesus (7 of 7)

Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, September 4th, 2022



Series Focus: When we look at the life of Jesus, we see that he ate and drank...a lot. So much so that he was accused of being a glutton and a drunkard! Jesus was constantly sharing meals with his disciples, with religious leaders, and with the outcasts of society. This was one of the main ways he engaged with others. And when someone ate with Jesus, they went away changed. In this 7-part summer sermon series, we'll explore the blessings that God provides when we experience his radical hospitality, and we'll be challenged to open our lives to others around the table.

Sermon Title: Discovering Salvation

Scripture Reading: Exodus 12:1-14; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Luke 22:7-20

Sermon Focus: Jesus didn't leave his disciples with just words and stories to remember him by, but rather a commemorative meal that is full of rich meaning, symbolism, and power. And it's in this meal—the table of the new covenant—that we discover the sort of salvation that Christ offers those who will eat and drink in remembrance of him. In this final message of the *Meals with Jesus* series, Pastor David invites us to embrace a table-centered faith and embody the gospel when we gather at the table with others.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person or by video call. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Read Exodus 12:1-14 together. Reflect on the original Passover when God delivered the Hebrew slaves from Egypt after hundreds of years of bondage. In what ways do you see this story pointing to the finished work of Christ?
2. Read Luke 22:7-20 together. Imagine what these disciples must have thought as Jesus changed (or fulfilled) the meaning of the Passover meal. Have you ever experienced God doing something unexpected and a little troubling, but later on things became clear and you were in awe of his wisdom and works?
3. Tim Chester (author of *A Meal with Jesus*) wrote that communion is an act of five things: (1) remembrance; (2) community; (3) dependence upon God; (4) participation; and (5) formation. Share how you see each of these in communion.
4. One of the Table Takeaways was: "There is a new world order (Kingdom) established by Christ the King, which looks like his life, teachings, etc." What do you think this means? What ought this to look like through his people?
5. Pastor David said, "our tables can be places where people discover God's salvation" (i.e., forgiveness, life, identity, meaning, etc.). What might this look like having a meal with your family? What about with friends or acquaintances?
6. Were you able to have a meal with someone throughout this series? If so, what "blessings" from God did you discover at the table?
7. What has God said to you through the *Meals with Jesus* summer series? What new insights did you glean? What invitations from God have you received?