

Meals with Jesus (4 of 7)

Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, August 14th, 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 Mission

Scripture Reading: Luke 14:1-24

Sermon Focus: When we think of missions our minds often jump to trained, "professional" Christians who are called to specialized work in a foreign land. We might think about cultural hermeneutics, contextualization, apologetics, training leaders, and planting churches. But Jesus' mission strategy centered around meals. He met people in their homes, welcomed the weak and the powerless, and prepared a feast for the body and soul. Any ordinary person can share a simple meal. And in doing so we have the opportunity to express God's heart and Kingdom vision. In this message, Pastor Melissa Lowther will help us see how meals can be a place of mission and a foretaste of God's great banquet.

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 Luke 14:1-24. What seem to be the emotions in the passage? Who does Jesus indicate are the ones who receive his invitation to hospitality (i.e. relationship)?

2. Who are the “poor, crippled, lame, and blind” of our day? Do you have opportunities to interact with these kinds of people around the table? If so, what has God shown you in those times? If not, what is challenging about creating space for that?
3. What might it look like to share meals with others with the intention to demonstrate the grace and hope of the gospel around the table? What might hold you back from doing this regularly? What truth about God (e.g. his greatness, glory, goodness, or grace) could help you overcome that?
4. Who is God putting on your heart to invite to your table?