

BLESS - Part 4

“Eat Together”

Luke 19:5-10; 5:27-32

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Including people far from God in your daily life and inviting yourself into other’s lives was Jesus’ _____.

“In Luke’s Gospel Jesus is either going to a meal, at a meal, or coming from a meal.” (Robert Karris)

“[Jesus’] mission strategy was a long meal, stretching into the evening. He did evangelism and discipleship round a table with some grilled fish, a loaf of bread, and a pitcher of wine.” (Tim Chester)

Why are meals and including people in your life so important?

1. It demonstrates acceptance of the _____.

2. It often lead to better and sometimes great _____.

3. It builds _____.

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week’s sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Read Luke 19:5-10 and 5:27-32. Choose from one of these two stories and spend some moments imagining the conversation between Jesus and his hosts. Briefly describe what you imagined.

3. Why do you think spending relational time with people far from God was so important to Jesus?

4. COVID makes inviting folks to eat problematic in many cases. What are some of the ways you can spend time with your Top 5 and include them in your life as winter approaches and COVID lingers?

5. There is no greater way to bless someone who is far from God than to point them to Christ out of a loving, caring relationship. God’s Plan A for bringing people back to him involves us, his people. There really is no Plan B. Answer honestly: Does that feel like a burden or an opportunity right now? And depending how you answer that, what is your next step?