

THE GOSPEL

in Worship, Discipleship, and Mission

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Study Nine :: Mission

A Meal with Jesus

Luke 5:27-32, 7:36-50, 24:28-32

Opening Question ::

1. What part does food and drink play in your life?
What social role does food play in your life?
Are there things that can only happen around food and drink?

2. Reflect on this statement :: “The Son of Man has come eating and drinking ...” (Luke 7:34)

How do the disciples participate in God's mission in the world?

As the disciples faithfully attend to the renewing of their minds and their faithful life together the disciples will also be in constant prayer for opportunities for relationships, hospitality and proclamation in the community. It is here that they will discover the way in which they can extend their fellowship by proclaiming the gospel with their lips and the gospel's fruit with their lives. In this way they make known the glory of the gospel in the face of Christ to the community in which God has placed them.

TRANSFORM ::

*We, as Jesus' disciples,
must transform our meals
into enacted grace, community, and mission.*



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Understanding the Gospel in Discipleship ::

1. Read and reflect on the quote by Dietrich Bonhoeffer to the right.
2. Interact with this statement ::
“It’s easy to love people in the abstract sense and preach virtues of love. But we’re called to love the real individuals sitting around the table.”
(A Meal with Jesus)

Those who dream of this idealized community demand that it be fulfilled by God, by others, and by themselves. They enter the community of Christians with their demands, set up their own law, and judge one another and even God accordingly.

Christian community is not an ideal we have to realize, but rather a reality created by God in Christ in which we may participate. ... we enter into that life together with other Christians, not as those who make demands, but as those who thankfully receive ... We do not complain about what God does not give us; rather we are thankful for what God does give us daily.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

for the community

1. What are the barriers to biblical hospitality that exist in the lifestyles of the community in Viera and Brevard County?
2. How might we invite the community into our homes and to our tables?
What does this mean for the flow of your week and the management of your calendar?
3. How might we receive an invitation into the homes and tables of our community?
What does this mean for how we interact with our community?

Memory Verse :: The Son of Man has come eating and drinking ...

Luke 7:34