

LUKE'S GOSPEL: THE GREAT REVERSAL

The Power of a Shared Meal

Passage: Luke 5:27-32
Life Group Guide | Sunday, February 6, 2022

Review the Group Guidelines.

Think back to a favorite meal time - it might have been when you were growing up, or something more recent. What made it special? What do you remember? What did you see, smell or hear?

Read Luke 5:27-32.

In the ancient world, meals were central to almost all organizations and. When you shared a meal with someone, it meant extending intimacy, solidarity and acceptance. To refuse to share a meal with someone was to ostracize them and treat them like outsiders.

When have you felt most accepted in a gathering? When have you felt like an outsider?

Jesus broke the rules at his table, eating with those considered sinners and unclean, while those who considered themselves to be clean and righteous—including the Pharisees—were on the outside looking in. When have you broken the rules for the sake of the Gospel? Or are you most comfortable when you are following the rules?

Many Christians become **accidental Pharisees**. What do you think of when you hear that term?

What could we do this week to start expanding our tables to look more like Jesus' table?

Re-read Luke 5:27-32. Pray for opportunities to expand our tables.