

# *Come to the Table Sermon Series*

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## *Sermon Based Small Group Guide*

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*Join us Wednesday night 10.03.18 for dinner from 5:15-6:00  
and sermon based small groups from 6:15-7:30.*

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For which dinner guest would you clean the house? Parents, in-laws, “the boss,” celebrity, lifelong friend, boyfriend/girlfriend. . .

What “table lessons” do you remember from your childhood? Or, what are some of the “table lessons” you are trying to pass on to your children? (Manners? Rules or norms for being at the table? . . .)

### **Read Luke 7:36-50 and John 15:9-13**

How do you imagine you would respond if someone “crashed” a dinner party you were hosting? Why?

What are some of the rules of etiquette around the table that existed for Pharisees and others at the time of Jesus?

What assumptions does Simon make about this woman? And therefore, about Jesus?

What risk did the woman take in coming into the house of a Pharisee?

Jesus uses the situation to offer some “table lessons.” Jesus uses the story about two men who owe money to speak to Simon. What is the lesson Jesus is trying to help Simon learn?

What is the lesson that Jesus has for the woman?

In John 15, what does it mean to you to “obey God’s commands” and to “remain” or “abide” in God’s love? How do you see this lived out by Jesus in the story of Luke 7?

## **Application**

How do you usually view sinners? How do you respond to them?

When you think about time around the table (past or present), what did you learn about love, forgiveness, and gratitude?

As you consider what tables you will sit at or around this week, what action would you like to take in light of this story?