

Come to the Table Sermon Series

11-4-2018

Sermon Based Small Group Guide

***Join us Wednesday night 11.7.18 for dinner from 5:15-6:00
and sermon based small groups from 6:15-7:30.***

Share a time when you experienced memorable hospitality. What words would you use to describe this act of hospitality? How did receiving hospitality like this make you feel?

Isaiah 25:6-9

This passage gives an image of God hosting a feast. After reading these verses, how would you describe the feast God is giving?

Who is invited to enjoy in this feast? Is it limited to just the people of Israel whom the prophet Isaiah is addressing?

What is the people's response to God's invitation?

Luke 22:1-20

In this passage, we see Jesus preparing for and hosting the Last Supper with his disciples. What stands out to you as you observe hospitality in this story?

Chapter 22 opens with Satan entering Judas and setting the scene for Judas' betrayal of Jesus later that evening. Perhaps surprisingly, our all-knowing Lord Jesus doesn't allow Judas' change of heart to disqualify him from being welcomed to Jesus' table that night. Why do you think Jesus chooses to welcome Judas?

Which of Jesus' twelve disciples were worthy to sit at table with the Lord Jesus that night?

How does Jesus' way of dealing with the shortcomings of his disciples differ from the way the world (and even sometimes maybe the Church) deals with the shortcomings of those coming to them?

What do you think are some of the reasons Jesus commands his followers to celebrate the Last Supper regularly?

Application

What people's behaviors and attitudes have you been tempted to address prior to welcoming them? Brainstorm with your group or family some ways to push back against this temptation and make welcoming a way of life for you like it was for Jesus.

How might the image of the universal Church change if we were to welcome others like Jesus does his disciples at the Last Supper?