

Living on Mission- Part 9: Eat

Question: Who did You Bless this Week?

Challenge Today: I will Bless 3 People this week (1 of whom is not part of the church) AND I will Eat with 3 people this week- at least 1 of whom is not part of the church).

Christians SHOULD Love to Eat Together

EATING TOGETHER HAS BEEN A CENTRAL PRACTICE OF CHRISTIANITY SINCE THE BEGINNING and not just Holy Communion but as a way of LIVING ON MISSION to express the KINGDOM OF GOD (FEAST IN REVELATION CONNECTION)

Eating Together is the Epitome of HOSPITALITY. Hospitality is the posture of openness & authenticity of sharing your life with one another.

Eating together is a way to walk as Jesus did. Check out these verses:

1-Mark 10:45 2- Luke 19:10 3- Luke 7:34-35

When the time comes for Him to give His First followers to remember Him by- what does he do/say? **Luke 22:19**

The Table ought to be ONE OF the primary symbols of Christ-followers gathering: It represents so many aspects of God's Character: Invitation, Hospitality, Generosity, Authenticity, & Grace... IS!

FURTHER SPIRITUAL INSIGHT ON HOW WE SHOULD Practice this Habit:

1 Corinthians 11:17-22 gives us some insight- Paul is describing conflict ridden, divisive gathering at which just the "in-crowd or Insiders" ate, drank while the poor were left marginalized and hungry.

He Responds to all of this with Instruction to make JESUS THE CENTER

1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Eating together was a way to learn how to accept the Outsider, offer generosity with the poor, and have fellowship with those of different "ranks" in society- those NOT LIKE YOU!

1 Corinthians 11:33

This practice of eating together (Love Feast) was meant to shape the Corinthian Believers into Radical Socializers!

So, This is not just about inviting outsiders to our gatherings- It is practicing HOSPITALITY AS A HABIT OF LIFE

A LIVING ON MISSION MINDEST, A LIFESTYLE

And how do we respond when a non-believer invites us into their homes? Does our very presence at their table affirm their values- maybe some we might disagree with?

Let us look at Jesus Example here:

Jesus had Table Fellowship with Sinners. In a world where a sinner stood hopelessly condemned, Jesus OPENESS TO SHARE A TABLE was Irresistible!

Contact with the KING OF KINGS triggered Repentance, CONVERSION FLOWED from communion together.

Do not be concerned, do not be worried: As a Christ-Follower YOU CARRY THE PRESENCE OF JESUS with you at The Table....

Luke 19:1-10...Zac's Story: His communion led to repentance & conversion

All we are asking you to DO is that you invite 3 people to share a table with you, at least 1 of whom is not a follower of Jesus.

This will be contagious and people will reciprocate your hospitality – You will start getting return invitations.

See these as an opportunity to build true, authentic relationships which will provide a path for Spiritual Conversations.

Practicalities: HOW YOU CAN DO THIS!

- Do not stress about it (PEACEFUL PRESENCE/ Blessing Connection)
 - You already eat 3 meals a day, that is 21 meals a week. Just simply have a Meal with someone with 3 of those this week!
 - Or, bring 3 people to 1 Meal this week!
 - Your meal could be an elaborate dinner or breakfast, or coffee!
 - JUST SIT ACROSS A TABLE FROM 3 PEOPLE THIS WEEK AND – TALK!!!
- *Outdoor Service & Potluck- Sunday, October 5th@ 10am

GO TO THE TABLE TOGETHER!

