

Dinner with Jesus

(Luke 5:27-32)

- Introduction:
1. Some have jokingly suggested that Christians today believe the word “fellowship” is synonymous with a “potluck” or “covered dish” dinner.
 2. While the “fellowship” is much broader than a meal, it cannot be denied that “table fellowship” is very important and was very important in the ministry of Jesus.
 - a. No less than 9 times in the book of Luke alone, do we have a record of Jesus eating with people.
 - b. Surely there must be reasons to record such an “ordinary, everyday” activity.
 3. If Jesus wasn’t telling parables about meals and feasts, he was having meals with sinners as well as disciplines.
 4. The intent of this lesson is to expound upon some of the lessons we learn from dining with Jesus.

I. Eating with Levi

- A. (Luke 5:27-32).
- B. Sharing a meal has inherent boundaries. Thus, the Scribes and Pharisees reached incorrect conclusions about Jesus.
- C. Jesus viewed a shared meal as an opportunity to minister.
- D. I want to challenge you to use your homes as a ministry tool and develop relationships with people as Jesus did.

II. Eating with a Pharisee

- A. (Luke 11:37-41).
- B. Jesus used a meal setting to teach a powerful lesson about hypocrisy.
- C. We can be clean on the outside, but filthy on the inside...and God sees the difference.

III. Eating with the Five Thousand

- A. (Luke 9:7-20).
- B. Jesus used this meal as a powerful reminder of how God provides for us.
- C. Because of his provision, we should be thankful (Philippians 4:6).
- D. (2 Timothy 3:2).

- Conclusion:
1. Wouldn’t you have loved to have had the opportunity to sit and dine with Jesus? Imagine the conversations!
 2. While we cannot do that, we can learn from the conversations that are recorded.
 3. Let’s not miss the opportunities with which meal-time presents us.