

Surprise the World: Eat
Luke 14:1, 7-14
April 22, 2018

1. The Sacred Act of Eating

The Fall: And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Genesis 2:16-17

The Great Restoration: "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." **Revelation 19:9**

2. Eating Creates Community

- **Family**
- **Friends**
- **Outreach**

3. By Eating together we join God's Mission

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. Peter restored to mission. **John 21:12-14**

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." **Matthew 26:26**

Next Steps

Memorize Luke 14:13-14

Take the 'Eat' challenge.

Pray for God's help to develop this habit in you and the Church.

Read Chapter 5 in Surprise the World.

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1) Who have you blessed this week? Any blessing stories?

2) What makes a great mealtime experience?

3) If you read the Gospels you see that Jesus often ate with a whole variety of people. Why do you think this is?

Read Matthew 9:9-13 (read it at least twice in the group using two different translations if possible)

4) What stands out for you as you read this story today?

5) Why might Matthew have invited his friends to a meal with Jesus?

6) Why did the Pharisees get upset that Jesus was eating with “tax collectors and sinners”?

7) Is there still something special about eating with people?

Watch the video on Habit 2: Eat

8) What stands out for you in this video teaching?

9) What kind of things might stop you from developing a habit of regularly eating with others and how can you as a group help overcome those barriers?

10) What might it look like for our Church if most people shared this habit?

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