



The TABLE

The Lord's Table Exodus 12:1-27 & Corinthians 11:23-29

*These questions are provided to lead the group in **applying** the teaching from Sunday. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in being a doer of God's Word. Challenge each other and be vulnerable as God works IN and THROUGH you together.*

1. Share how you blessed someone this week who is not yet a follower of Jesus where you live, work, learn, or play. Any challenges you are having?
2. Think of all the tables you sit at every day. At home. In a park. At work. In a restaurant. We sit at a lot of different tables over the course of our lives. Tables are important. What has happened around the tables in your life? Examples: What stories? What meaningful interactions? What milestones? What major decisions? What reconciled relationships? What spiritual experiences? What changes?
3. The table is a major theme in the Bible. Read over the various realities (below) that the table represents in Scripture. Which two or three inspire you the most and why?
 - Communion: The Table of Showbread or Presence in the Tabernacle symbolized God's abiding presence with his people. (Exodus 25:30)
 - Covenant: The Table of the Passover Meal and the Lord's Supper commemorated God's covenant with his people of delivering and forming them. (Exodus 12:1-27; Corinthians 11:23-29)
 - Commitment: The Table signified allegiance to God. (1 Corinthians 10:14-21)
 - Celebration: The Table feast epitomized the joy of the kingdom. (Isaiah 25:6; Luke 14:15: The Parable of the Great Banquet)
 - Common Life: The Table embodied the shared unified life (*koinonia*) of God's people. (Acts 2:42-46; 1 Corinthians 10:17)
 - Commission: The Table established a place of hospitality, welcoming, inclusion, and belonging for people who were not Followers of Jesus. (Matthew 9:10-13)
4. Matthew 11:19 says, "The Son of Man came eating and drinking..." (NIV) The ministry of Jesus revolved around tables. In the Gospels, Jesus seems to be going to a meal, at a meal, leaving a meal, or making a meal. Discuss the power of a table for spiritual transformation. What could happen if we were more intentional during our table time?
5. Read Revelation 3:20. Do you know that there is a seat for you at the Lord's table? If you already are at the table, how and when did you first come to the Lord's table (salvation)? If you are not there yet, why not come to his table today? For all of us at the table, are we "eating with" Jesus? What does it look like in your personal life for Jesus to nourish your soul? How can you improve your table time with Jesus?
6. How can this group pray for you and our church this week?