



# The TABLE

## The Community Table

**Matthew 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32**

*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. As we enter our new one-year rally (The Table) as a church, who has God placed on your heart to invite to a table?
2. How do you feel when someone invites you to a table?
3. Think about how often you are at a table with people for real conversation. What barriers keep this from happening more often? (See barriers mentioned in the Sunday message and share one that applies to you or add another one.)
4. What will it take to overcome these barriers?
5. Have someone read **Matthew 9:9-13**. Someone else read **Mark 2:13-17**. Someone else read **Luke 5:27-32**. Share any differences you see in these accounts.
6. Growing up, is this the kind of party (banquet) you would have gone to? Why or why not? Is this a party (banquet) you would go to today? Why or why not?
7. Read **Leviticus 19:34; Romans 12:13; Titus 1:8** (Elder Requirements); **Hebrews 13:2; 1 Timothy 5:9-10**. Hospitality in NT Greek means to "befriend or love a stranger". Why do you think God says hospitality is important for His people to practice?
8. There is something unique that happens when we gather at tables with people. It usually involves a drink or food, and it is usually smaller and more personal. Share how a table time with someone impacted your life.
9. Read **1 Thessalonians 2:8**.
10. Opening our lives through a table to another involves generosity of time, resources, grace, and more. What do you find hardest to be generous with? Why?
11. Why do you think Jesus went to Matthew's party (banquet)?
12. How could opening your table to someone that is not yet a follower of Jesus in your community (live, work, learn, play) impact you?
13. How can this group pray for you and our church this week? Challenge each person to pray for someone to invite to their community table.