



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- 9th May 2021

Series- Surprise the World 2

Changing the world one meal at a time

*13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,
14 and you will be blessed. Luke 14:13-14*

How would you complete this sentence: the son of man came.....

1. *The son of man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” – Mk 10:45.*
2. *The son of man came to seek and save that which is lost. Lk. 19:10*
3. *The Son of man came eating and drinking Lk 7:34.*

1. The table can a surprising place. John 2

- The wedding at Cana (John 2:1-13)
- He sinful woman & the self-righteous pharisee. (Luke 7:36-50)
- Advice for welcoming the outsider (Luke 14:7-14)
- The table & the revelation of the resurrected Christ (Luke 24:28-32)

2. The table fosters community. (Luke 19:1-10, Luke 14:13-14)

- The table is a place where we can foster relationship & welcome with unbelievers.
- Conversion can sometimes flow from communion
- Ben Meyers says of Jesus presence at a sinners table: “Contact triggered repentance, conversion flowered from communion.”

3. The table mirrors the character of God. John 17:20-23.

- The Lord is one & he calls his people to be one: to be relational.
- The Lords supper or communion in the NT seems to have been wrapped in table fellowship. The table was central to worship.

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Mark 10:45, Luke 19:10 and Luke 7:34. What do these verses reveal about who Jesus was and the way that he carried out his mission and identity?
2. Read John 2:1-13, Luke 7:36-50 and Luke 14:13-14. What do these stories reveal about Jesus that might be surprising or unexpected?
3. Read Luke 19:1-10. How does this story relate the table, to Jesus' mission?

B. Meditation & application

4. Given the three statements made about the Son of man came..... what do you make of Mike's hypothesis that- the son of man came eating and drinking was his modus operandi of fulfilling his mission?
5. As you think of the gospels- how many gospel bites (stories from the gospels) can you attach to eating and drinking with others? Brainstorm as many as you can remember. Do you think this is significant?
6. Have you ever thought about "missional eating." You eat 21 meals a week (if you eat breakfast)- how could you use two or three of these to participate in the missionary task?
7. As a household- plan to during the month of May invite someone who is not a Christian over to your house for a meal or go out (if you hate cooking) and just spend time with them- being generous and listening well? When they leave pray for them and see what God can do- through you.

A Challenge: This afternoon make time to pray over how you could use your meals- at home, in the office or wherever you find yourself to participate in the mission of Jesus to the world. Text someone and invite them to share a meal- who knows it might be surprising.