

WARM UP: Can you think of a time when you experienced great joy, love and laughter around a table with others?

1. Read Isaiah 25:6-9. In these verses salvation is described as a "feast" and a "banquet". Why do you think God chose this particular imagery to describe his final act for humanity?

2. Read Luke 5:27-32. In Luke 7:34 we read that "the Son of Man came eating and drinking", which connects his ministry to the ultimate act of God, prophesied by Isaiah. As you read this particular story in Luke 5, ask yourselves:

- Why was this surprising (even offensive) to the religious leaders of his day?
- What would be a modern-day equivalent of this story? If Jesus was here today, who would he be eating with?

3. Pastor Sam talked about how our obsession with privacy runs counter to the example of Jesus' public & visible ministry. To what extent is this true for you? Is your "table" open to all?

This week's challenge (from the bookmark): With whom can I enjoy table fellowship (i.e. food and drink) this week? (Think of at least one Christian and one non-Christian)

PRAY: For God to help you open your table/home to others.