

York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 23st May 2021

Rhythms of Jesus
Matthew 9:9-13



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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GETTING STARTED

Q1. What are the happy memories you have from sharing a meal with someone?

Q2. What is the largest gathering you have had at your home for a meal?

INTO THE WORD

Read Matthew 9:9-13

Q3. Jesus had a rhythm when it came to meeting people, he often ate at their homes or with large groups of people.

Why do you think he did that?

Read Matthew 9:13

Q4. Jesus offers a challenge to the question of 'who' we should eat with, something that is not an easy question in today's "stranger danger" and "privacy" saturated world.

What do you think the answer is to the challenge Jesus gave the pharisees?

GOING DEEPER

Read Matthew 26:26-29 and Luke 24:29-31

Q5. Jesus was having a meal when he spoke of the new covenant, we now remember that meal as the “last supper”. During this meal he also focussed on “communion”. It was the practice of a meal that revealed Jesus’ resurrection to his disciples (Luke 24). How do your meal times reflect Christ's spirit working in and through your life on a daily basis? For example: contestations, scripture, attitudes.

Read Acts 2:46

Q6. The early church followed Jesus’ example in a powerful way. Daily they had a meal and focussed on Christ, and in doing so God blessed them.

- How can you be a disciple of Jesus, in who you invite to your table to share life and faith with this week?
- What are the barriers to this?
- What is stopping you?
- Can you be held accountable to inviting someone this week for a meal?

Pray

Father, we ask that this week we would look at our home as a space for invitation, a space for discipleship, and a space for obedience and hospitality. Help us to follow Jesus’ example in welcoming others into our lives in order to share what God has done for us with them and to lovingly journey through life with those that Jesus died for. Give us courage to be obedient to this, in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.