

Dinner with Simon

Luke 7:36-50

Why do we eat with Jesus?

- Simon saw the meal as an opportunity for _____ and _____.
- He threw a banquet, but not out of _____.
- He judged the woman for _____, and Jesus for not _____.
- The woman saw the meal as an opportunity for _____ and _____.
- She risked ridicule and _____ to come to Jesus and show him _____.
- When she was in his presence she was completely _____ with _____.

- Jesus honored the woman as the true _____ of the _____—the one who got it right.
- Jesus did not come to keep _____, but to erase _____.
- Jesus eats with people so they can _____ and _____ him—and be _____.

Eating with Jesus Today

- The Lord's table is a place of _____ and _____.
- No one is _____ to a place at the Lord's table—we all get there by _____.
- Eating with Jesus means abandoning _____ and seeking _____.
- Jesus eats with _____—and _____ them too.

Discussion Questions

1. What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Do you like to host meals or parties? What do you like about it? (or not?)
3. Where do you experience score-keeping (people focusing who's important, who's right, who's innocent, who's guilty, who's entitled, etc.)?
4. Why do we like to keep score?
5. Reflect on the story: how did keeping score prevent Simon from connecting with Jesus?
6. How would Simon have behaved differently if he had really tried to know and love Jesus?
7. How did knowing Jesus change the woman? How should it change us?
8. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a. Is it possible to be a loving, righteous person and continue to keep score? Can we be righteous without forgiving like Jesus?
9. All of us have been forgiven much by God—why do we struggle to love much like the woman? How can we be more like her?
10. What would it look like for us to follow Jesus' example in our daily lives? How would it change the way you treat others? How could it change the company you keep?