

Divine Warmth: Eat Together

Luke 14:1-6, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

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WARM-UP QUESTIONS:

1. What is your favorite place to take people to eat?
2. Do you prefer to eat alone or with company? Share your reasons.
3. What are the possible differences between having a meal and merely eating?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Read again Acts 2:42-47 and how the early church shared life together. Theologian N.T. Wright says: "When Jesus himself wanted to explain to his disciples what his forthcoming death was about, he didn't give them a theory. He gave them a meal." What did Jesus point out through the experience of sharing food with his disciples, which they then lived out after his resurrection and ascension?
2. Reflect on 1 Cor. 11:17-34. What does it mean for the people of God to eat "without discerning the body of Christ"? What danger does ignoring this admonition entail? Why is it important that everyone has a place at the table?
3. Our Tech Director Mitch Ebbott suggested that 1 Cor. 11:34 specifically encourages the believers to not just eat at home if hungry, but to feed anyone who is hungry at their own home. How might this expand their understanding of table fellowship?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever had a meal with someone who is different and outside of your comfort zone (or maybe you've been the one invited to a meal)? How did the experience impact and affect your relationship with that person?
2. Sharing a meal with someone is a great way to build community, but it's not the only way. What are other intentional ways we can spiritually connect with others using similar elements to sharing a meal?
3. Think of someone whom God has been placing on your heart to commune with (perhaps over food). Pray with your group about meeting with that person, then regroup next time and share how that experience went.