



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

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Luke 5:27-39

“Table Talk”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. ICEBREAKER – This passage is all about Jesus and food. What is one of the best food experiences you have ever had?
2. Verses 29-32 give us a picture of the ministry of hospitality. What are some of the ways we see Jesus (and Matthew) practicing hospitality in this passage?
 - o How does this reflect what Jesus has done for us?
 - o How does Jesus’ ministry here give us a pattern for practicing gospel hospitality with our friends and neighbors?
3. Tony clarified that hospitality is more than just fellowship or entertaining, but rather, displaying a love for strangers. Why is it important for us to maintain this distinction when thinking through how to practice hospitality?
4. In Near Eastern cultures, sharing meals was a boundary marker that symbolized friendship, intimacy, and unity. What are some of the practices/behaviors today that act as boundary markers in our society?
 - o How does the gospel compel us to bridge the relationship gap with nonbelievers in these areas?
 - o Practically, who is someone you can invite into your home (or into your life) in the next two weeks as a way to display God’s gospel of grace to them?
5. In this passage, Jesus dines with sinners but he also calls them to repentance. What does it look like for us to show care and compassion to sinful people while also pointing them toward the gospel?
 - o What are some of the difficulties we face in our efforts to love sinful people and while also encouraging them to respond to Jesus with repentance and faith?
6. In verses 36-39, Jesus gives two parables which illustrate how following him is not simply an add-on to moralistic or aesthetic religion. What are some of the ways our religious practices can fall prey to this mindset?
 - o How does the gospel shape our understanding of religious practice and disciplines such as fasting?
 - o What makes Christian fasting unique from other religions that practice fasting (or similar disciplines)?
7. Luke 5:27-39 gives us a picture of both feasting and fasting in the life and ministry of Jesus. How do each of these practices express hope and anticipation for God’s future kingdom?
 - o What are some ways this future-oriented perspective should shape our “feasting and fasting” in the coming weeks?