



Sermon  
Discussion  
Guide

Sunday, October 8, 2023

# At the Table

## With Levi and the Sinners

### Read/Reflect

1. Since it was just Thanksgiving, share where and with whom you celebrated it with. What is one thing that you are particularly thankful for this year?
2. Who is the most hospitable person you know? What do they do that is unique? Is hospitality a natural gift, or is it something a person needs to foster?
3. Matthew is from the tribe of Levi. The Levites were the tribe called to be priests; that is, to be mediators between God and His people. In what way, in this story, is Matthew fulfilling his priestly calling. Read 1 Peter 2: 9. If we, as God's people, are a new priesthood, what does this mean in our day to day lives?

### Explore

1. In the message, Pastor Bruce made the point that "Jesus doesn't mind a messy table". Share one mess that Jesus would find if he visited your home and your table today.
2. Read Revelation 3:20. Now read it in context—Revelation 3:17-22. How do these verses encapsulate what Pastor Bruce said on Sunday morning; namely, that when we invite Jesus into our lives, we inevitably have to give more than we want to, but we also receive more than we can imagine?
3. How does celebrating communion remind us that if we know and love Jesus, a greater banquet awaits us?

### Pray

- With or without saying it out loud, think of one person that you want to invite to your table or New Life's table (so to speak) during the course of this message series. In your prayer time, spend a few minutes praying silently and specifically for that person. Ask God to give you a "Matthew moment" with them.
- Pray that God would use New Life's "At the Table" message series to touch the lives of many people.