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“Leverage Your Table”

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“*The Son of Man came eating and drinking...*” Luke 7:34. Table fellowship was Jesus’ primary method of evangelism and discipleship. Scholar Peter Leithart said, “Jesus did not go around merely talking about eating and drinking; he went around eating and drinking. A lot.” So if you want to follow Jesus in your life, a small thing that will make a big difference is “**Leverage your table.**” It’s a great way to show grace, build community, and live on mission.

### FOR DISCUSSION

1. Share a memorable meal experience. What made it memorable?
2. **Read Mark 10:45, Luke 19:10, and Luke 7:34.** The first two are purpose statements answering WHY Jesus came. The last is a method statement answering HOW Jesus came and ministered to people. What do you think of Jesus’ method of using meals as a method for evangelism and discipleship?
3. **Read Luke 5:27-32.** How did Jesus “leverage the table” to show grace in this story? If you “leverage your table,” what are some ways you will show grace to your family, your friends and neighbors, or even to people different from you?
4. Be honest: how comfortable are you hanging out with people who are different from you, or who have yet to “clean up” their act? How can we learn from Jesus?
5. Leveraging your table is an awesome opportunity to build community. How well do you know your 6 closest neighbors? What could you do this week to move from stranger to acquaintance? Or from acquaintance to friend?
6. Are there people you would (or wouldn’t) currently be comfortable inviting into your home? Why or why not? What are the obstacles?
7. Is there someone—a friend, neighbor or acquaintance—who God has put on your heart lately to begin building a relationship?
8. What are some opportunities to “leverage your table” or show hospitality to people with whom we don’t normally associate?

**COMMIT TO MEMORY:** “*It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*” **Luke 5:31-32**

**PRAYER:** Pray for each other’s families, friends and neighbors. Ask God to work through you and your “table fellowship” to show His grace, build community, and live on mission like Jesus.