



These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

**IN JESUS' DAY, THE TABLE WAS MORE THAN A PLACE TO NOURISH THE BODY. IT WAS A PLACE TO NURTURE RELATIONSHIPS AND NOURISH THE SOUL. THROUGHOUT THE GOSPEL OF LUKE, WE SEE JESUS EATING WITH ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE, USING THOSE MOMENTS TO CONNECT WITH THE UP AND COMERS AND THE DOWN AND OUT, THE OUTCASTS AND THE IN-CROWD. ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE AT THE TABLE WITH JESUS - EVEN A TRANSFORMED LIFE.**

**1** All of us have experienced some kind of memorable #mealfail. Share a funny or memorable moment at the table when things didn't go according to plan.

**2 Read Luke 7:36.** It shouldn't go unnoticed that Jesus willingly eats with a Pharisee, one of the groups he most criticized in his ministry. What does this tell us about Jesus and his heart for all people - including those who are religious or have been in church for a long time?

**3 Read Luke 7:37-38.** Jesus ends up at a table with a host who doesn't want him there and an unexpected guest who wants nothing more than to be with Jesus. Simon the Pharisee was doing what society expected of him - hosting a visiting rabbi - but his heart wasn't in it. In what ways has your relationship with God been founded on other people's expectations? Is there part of following Jesus that your heart isn't in? In what ways?

**4 Read Luke 7:39-43.** The message stated that *nothing grows our love for Jesus like experiencing his grace*. What does this parable help us understand about God's grace? Why does that matter?

**5 Read Luke 7:44-50.** This woman pours out what is most precious to her at Jesus' feet in an attempt to show him honor. What parts of your life could be used to honor God that are currently "sealed in a jar"? What are settings in your life where it would be risky or socially questionable to honor Jesus above all else?

