

The Table

Week 3: Our Mess is Blessed

Colossians 3:10-15

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Opening Prayer: As a group or a family, pray that God would give you the boldness to invite someone to your table. Ask God to place a person on your heart who you can invite over for dinner. Thank Him for relationships. Thank Him for sending Jesus to walk into our mess.

Breaking the Ice:

- Is there someone in your work, hobby, or church that needs Jesus? Would you be willing to invite them over for dinner?
- How can inviting someone to dinner multiple times, lead to them trusting Jesus?

Wrestling with the Word:

Read Gal 6:1-5 NLT

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important. Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. For we are each responsible for our own conduct.

Jesus commanded us to love others the way that he has loved us. In this passage we read about being there for others.

- Can you think of a time in your life when someone helped you get through a tough time?
- It is tough enough to bear our own burdens. How are we supposed to bear other people's burdens too?
- Jesus walked into our mess. You are called to do the same for others. Who are you going to begin hanging out with? Remember: pick a person who is different from you (whether that is racially, morally, politically).

Prayer for the Week: Pray that you, your group, your family, and our church can seek out people who are not like us. Pray for boldness to approach people and start relationship with them. Ask God to soften your heart. We have a huge responsibility to bring people face-to-face with the Lord Jesus. How cool is that?