

# Let's eat!

## Hospitality at the heart of the Church



# Hospitality in the life of Jesus

Luke 7:34-35

The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' But wisdom is justified by all her children."



## Luke Hospitality in Jesus' life

- 5:27-32 Banquet at Levi's House
- 7:36-50 Dinner at Simon's House
- 9:10-17 Feeding the 5,000
- 10:38-42 At the home of Mary and Martha
- 11:37-52 Dinner at a Pharisee's house
- 14:1-24 Sabbath meal at a Pharisee's house
- 19:1-10 Hospitality at Zacchaeus' house
- 22:14-38 The Last Supper
- 24:28-32 Breaking bread at Emmaus
- 24:36-43 Jesus eats with his disciples



## Luke Hospitality in Jesus' teaching

10:30-37 Parable of Good Samaritan

11:5-10 Parable of friend with guest.

14:8-11 Teaching of humility/ honour at feast.

14:15-24 Parable of wedding feast.

15:4-32 Parable of lost coin, sheep, son.

16:15-31 Parable of the rich young man and Lazarus.



# Hospitality in the early church

Acts 2:42, 46

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the **breaking of bread** and the prayers...

And day by day, attending the temple together and **breaking bread in their homes**, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God.



# Hospitality in the early church

*Hosting: Simon tanner, God, Peter, the messengers, Cornelius*

Acts 9:43-10:48

24 Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends. ...34 Then Peter said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality..." 44 While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word... 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.





***When we eat together more, we are enlarged!***

# When we eat together we edify one another

*An invitation for life-on-life discipleship*

Acts 2:46

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***Education and encouragement***



# When we eat together we extend our influence

*An invitation to share life*

Luke 10:5-8

But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. Remain **in the same house, eating and drinking** such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages... And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

***“Extend Peace”***



Acceptance | Trust

Identification | Dignity

Interest | Favour

# When we eat together we expand our relationships

*An invitation into people's hearts*

Luke 5:29, 32

Then Levi gave Jesus a great feast in his own house with many tax collectors...

The Pharisees complained...

Jesus said: "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

***Emigration*** into the life of "the others". (eg. Pretoria days)





*When a stranger receives you, he/ she receives Christ.  
When you host a stranger, you host Christ. So set the table!*