

Week 1: A Meal with Jesus

March 10-16

“I don’t want to reduce church and mission to meals, but I do want to argue that meals should be an integral and significant part of our shared life. They represent the meaning of mission, but they more than represent it: they embody and enact our mission.” (*A Meal With Jesus* by Tim Chester, p.14)

Daily scripture and reflection

Allow these scriptures and simple questions to daily guide you in prayer through the gospel of Luke.

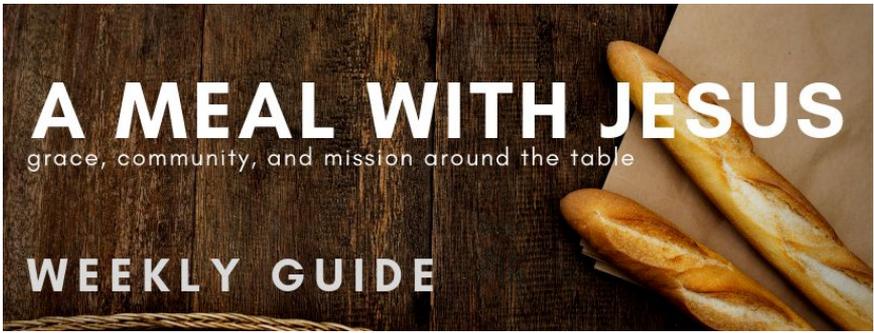
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
LUKE 1:1-56	LUKE 1:57-2:20	LUKE 2:21-3:19	LUKE 3:20-4:13	LUKE 4:14-44
What captures your attention in this story? What do you notice about Jesus in this story? Where do you find yourself in this story? How does this passage change your day?				

Planning to Share a Meal

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Question to Spark Dinner Conversation:
What was dinner time like for you growing up?



Week 2: Meals as Enacted Grace

March 17-23

"Jesus the Savior can't do his work unless he's with sinful people. It's the same for those who follow Jesus. We can't do our work of pointing sinners to the Savior unless we spend time with them." (*A Meal With Jesus* by Tim Chester, p.27)

Daily scripture and reflection

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
LUKE 5:1-16	LUKE 5:17-31	LUKE 5:32-6:16	LUKE 6:17-26	LUKE 6:27-49

Where do you see grace in this story?
What do you notice about Jesus in this story?
Where do you find yourself in this story?
How does this passage change your day?

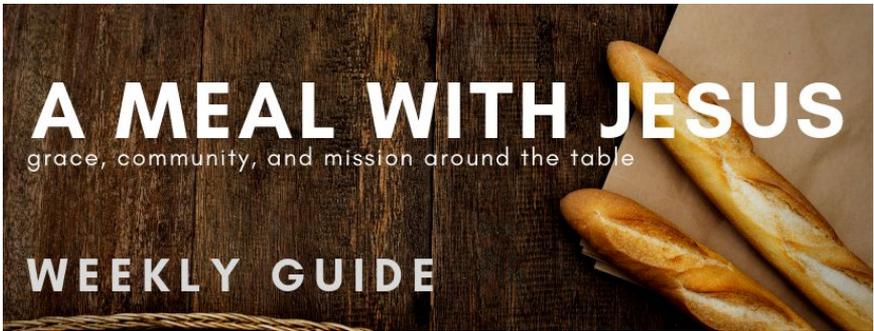
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Question to Spark Dinner Conversation:

Would you rather spend every meal alone or with all of your neighbors?



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Week 3: Meals as Enacted Community

March 24-30

“Many people love the idea of the church as a community. But when we eat together, we encounter not some theoretical community, but real people with all their problems and quirks. The meal table is an opportunity to give up our proud ideals by which we judge others and accept in their place the real community created by the cross of Christ, with all its brokenness.” (*A Meal With Jesus* by Tim Chester, p.48)

Daily scripture and reflection

Allow these scriptures and simple questions to daily guide you in prayer through the gospel of Luke.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
LUKE 7:1-17	LUKE 7:18-50	LUKE 8:1-18	LUKE 8:19-39	LUKE 8:40-56
Where do you see community in this story? What do you notice about Jesus in this story? What bothers you about this story? How does this passage change your day?				

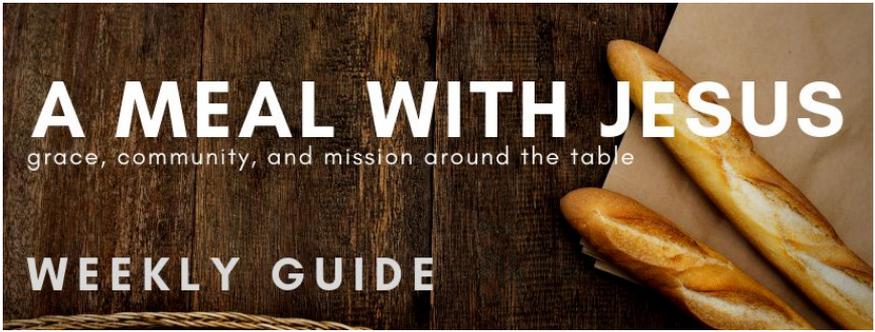
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Question to Spark Dinner Conversation:

What are your favorite meals to share with your extended family?



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Week 4: Meals as Enacted Hope

March 31 - April 6

“Eating in the presence of God is our future. Food will be part of the renewed creation. Food is not left behind in the resurrection. References to a future feast are not just metaphors for an ethereal future existence. Our future is a real feast.” (*A Meal With Jesus* by Tim Chester, p.67)

Daily scripture and reflection

Allow these scriptures and simple questions to daily guide you in prayer through the gospel of Luke.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
LUKE 9:1-62	LUKE 10:1-42	LUKE 11:1-54	LUKE 12:1-59	LUKE 13:1-35

Where do you see hope in this story?
 What do you notice about Jesus in this story?
 What question would you ask a biblical scholar about this story?
 How does this passage change your day?

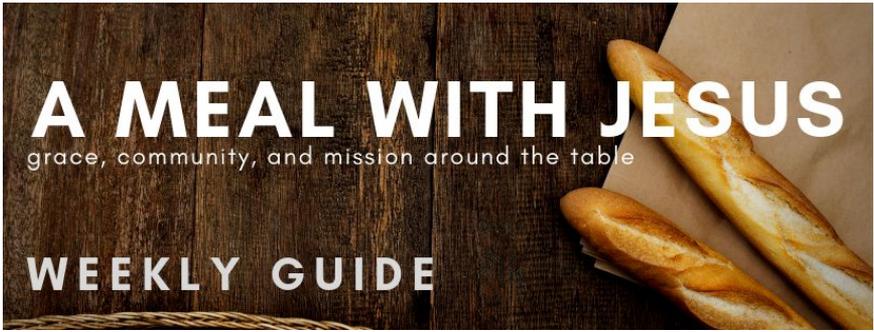
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Question to Spark Dinner Conversation:

What's the best meal you have ever eaten? Who was it with?



Week 5: Meals as Enacted Mission

April 7-13

“Jesus didn’t run projects, establish ministries, create programs, or put on events. He ate meals. If you routinely share meals and you have a passion for Jesus, you’ll be doing mission.” (*A Meal With Jesus* by Tim Chester, p.89)

Daily scripture and reflection

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
LUKE 14:1-35	LUKE 15:1-16:15	LUKE 16:16-17:37	LUKE 18:1-43	LUKE 19:1-48

Where do you see boundary-crossing in this story?
What do you notice about Jesus in this story?
What is God saying about who you are?
What will you do in response?

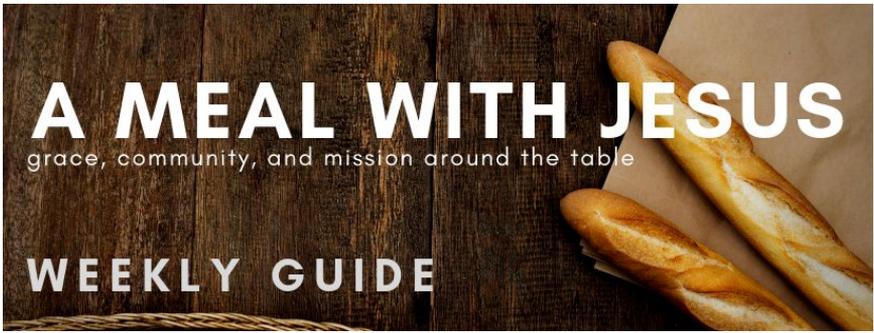
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Question to Spark Dinner Conversation:

What is the best party you’ve ever been to? Who was there?



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Week 6: Meals as Enacted Salvation

April 14-21

“Every meal is a reminder of our dependence, as creatures, on God - the Communion meal included. Each mouthful is a reminder that we’re not self-sustaining... Each mouthful is a reminder that we cannot save ourselves..” (*A Meal With Jesus* by Tim Chester, p.122)

Daily scripture and reflection

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SUN
LUKE 20:1-40	LUKE 20:41-21:4	LUKE 21:5-22:6	LUKE 22:7-71	LUKE 23:1-56	LUKE 24:1-53
<p>With which character do you most identify in this story? How does Jesus surprise you in this story? What is God saying to you about who He is? What will you do in response?</p>					

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Question to Spark Dinner Conversation:

What meal would you choose to be your last meal?