Week 2: At the Table

Daily Devotional

As you read these daily scriptures, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What is God saying to me?
2. What do I want to say to God in response?
3. How will I live out this truth?

**Day 1**:Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

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**Day 2:** Luke 15:17

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

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**Day 3:** Mark 10:21

Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

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**Day 4:** Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

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**Day 5:** John 4:26

Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

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Discussion Questions:

1. How do you typically experience community around your table (home, work, church, etc.)?

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2. How easy or difficult is it for you to extend grace to someone who has hurt or disappointed you? Can you think of a time when you received unexpected grace from someone? How did that impact you?

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3. Jesus looked at the rich young ruler with love before speaking truth. Why do you think this is emphasized? In your relationships, do people feel both **loved and challenged**? Which one comes more naturally to you? How can we better reflect Jesus by speaking truth in love at our own tables? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Jesus consistently pointed people to what truly matters. When others sit at your table, would they know what matters most to you? Why or why not?

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5. Jesus says, “I came not for the healthy, but for the sick.” Why is it important for us to remember this when we consider who we invite to our tables? How can your table be more open—like Matthew’s courtyard—so others can experience mercy and belonging?

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6. How can you intentionally reflect grace, truth, and what matters in your home or relationships this week?

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7. What does your physical and spiritual table look like? Who’s there—and who might be missing? Close by reading **Matthew 9:12–13** again. How does this passage challenge or comfort you personally?

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