

E: Eating with Purpose

Central Idea: To B.L.E.S.S. your neighbor, Jesus invites you eat with them. Are you willing to do this?

Introduction: Jesus liked to eat! Over and over, we find Jesus with tax collectors and sinners eating. There is something about sharing a meal together that moves any relationship past acquaintance toward friendship faster than just about anything else we can do. We often fail to recognize the power of eating—specifically the experience of eating a meal with someone.

Listening and Eating.

- Eating with “Sinners.”

Matthew 9:9-13

- Jesus has authority to save.
- Jesus pursues sinners.
- Matthew threw a banquet.
- Sinners need a Redeemer.
- He Gave Them a Meal.

Luke 22:7-22

- Temporal Fulfillment 7-13
- Eschatological Fulfillment 14-18
- Christological Fulfillment 17-22

- Missional Opportunities.
- The Power of Sharing a Meal.

Conclusion:

Please don't forget what's at stake here. I know there are many reasons that make eating together difficult and uncomfortable. But I believe it's worth pushing through our excuses and getting out of our comfort zones so we can truly love our neighbors and change the world one meal at a time.