

Creating Space: God in Our Midst

Week One: A Place at the Table

Welcome/Prayer

Reflection Question Share personal experiences of when you were given a place at the table. What were the components? Were you a stranger, guest, or host? Who had/has made room for you? When have you made room for someone?

Discussion

This series of lessons is based upon the truth contained in the overall synopsis “The very thing we desire most from God; to be invited to His table, holy and accepted, is the very thing we are required to do...to make room for Him by making room for other.” That truth is that what we want to receive from God is exactly what others should receive from us – a place at the table. The wonderful thing about this is that as we make room for others, we are making room for Him.

Scripture: 2 Samuel 9: 1-13

- What was the significance of David having Mephibosheth eat at his table?
 - How long would David allow Mephibosheth there at the table with the King?
 - Why was this unheard of or how could this have been scandalous?
 - What did Mephibosheth receive at the table with David?
- How does what David did for Mephibosheth model what Christ did/does for us?
 - In the Good News story, who are we, Mephibosheth or David? Why?
- Who are the Mephibosheth’s of our age and culture?
- Who do we generally want to invite to our table?
 - Are we more or less willing to open our table up to people like Mephibosheth? Why?
- What does it mean to us that Christ opened a spot at His table for us?
 - What are the implications of us sitting at the table with Christ?
 - How do we model what Christ did for us at our own table?

Take it With You Question

This week take the time to have a family meal at the family table. Turn off everything (cell phones, TV, computers...everything) and enjoy the time with one another. In the process of setting up your family table for dinner, set up an extra place setting. This would be a great time during the meal discussing with your family why there is an empty place setting and the meaning of doing this practice. Let this begin the launching point of us understanding that just as David and ultimately Christ opened a place up at their table, we should do the same.

Closing:

Final Prayer