

I Am Cornerstone, I Am Sent
Week's Topic: Eat
Discussion Guide: March 26, 2023

CHECK UP:

Memory work: Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. – Ephesians 5:15-16

In what way did you “listen” this past week?

OPEN:

- How has praying for your neighbors been going?
- What is your most memorable meal ever?

READ and ASK: Matthew 9:9-13, Ephesians 2:11-22

- Why do you think Jesus chose to eat with Matthew?
 - o How do you think Matthew felt about sharing a meal with Jesus?
- Read Luke 7:34. What point was Jesus making when he said he “came eating and drinking”?
 - o What does that say about how he wanted to be known?
- What do you think people would say if you associated with a wild crowd to live sent like Jesus?
 - o What can you do to remind yourself to view people as they can be instead of seeing only their faults?
- How does Ephesians 2 teach us that God has been hospitable to us?
 - o How should that motivate us to be hospitable to others?

APPLY:

- Have you ever shared a meal with someone when that acquaintance became a friend?
 - o What is it about sharing a meal with someone that seems to deepen a friendship so quickly?
 - o Why is eating with someone such an effective way to bless them?

- What reasons (or excuses) do you most often give for not sharing a meal with someone?
 - o How has living as sent through eating challenged you in this?
- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? Who might you be able to B.L.E.S.S. someone this week?
 - o NEXT STEP: Will you accept the challenge to eat with someone at least once every week? How do you plan to start or who do you plan to start with?

Memory Work:

you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household - Ephesians 2:19

Next Week's Reading:

John 13:1-17; Mark 10:45