

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

# soul food

When a meal with Jesus  
was more than food

### OPENING UP



Share a memorable meal experience. Where was it? With whom? What made it memorable?

### TEXT



#### Jesus Calls Levi | Luke 5:27-32

<sup>27</sup> After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." <sup>28</sup> And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.

<sup>29</sup> And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. <sup>30</sup> And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>31</sup> And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>32</sup> I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

### MESSAGE OUTLINE



**Big Idea: Following Jesus means feasting with "sinners"**

**Key Question: Who Would Jesus Eat With?**

1. Jesus finds sinners (v27-28)
2. Jesus feasts with sinners (v.29)
3. Jesus fulfills his mission at the table (vv. 30-32)

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



- Read the following verses as a group | Mark 10:45; Luke 19:10; Luke 7:34 | How does each verse complete this sentence *The Son of Man came to* \_\_\_\_\_
- Secondly, if He came to do that...what do you think the expectation is for us as His disciples?
- How comfortable, truly, are you hanging out with people who have yet to "clean up" their act?

- Read Luke 5:30-32 and discuss why it was such an issue for Jesus to be at this feast with these certain peoples?
- From the context of the sermon this past week, how do you think the church is doing at being a place that enjoys a good party? What gospel opportunities might there be for the church if we engage people in new ways?

## LIFE CHALLENGE



We want to encourage you to join Jesus at the table on mission this Spring by having some friends over for dinner who don't know Jesus. You don't have to plan out an evangelism program or trick them into watching some Gospel presentation. Just be present, be praying, and ask God for opportunities to share the joy you have in repentance. Jesus is good news. Let's share the party!

## CLOSING PRAYER



Jesus thank you for coming after us! We want to be disciples who are producing new disciples and we need your vision and your strength to do so. Show us our neighbors and our coworkers who don't yet know you and use us Lord to share the gospel with them. Help us to be living on mission with you this week. Amen!