

March 15 / Sunday

Surprise the World: Eat

Read [Luke 19:1-10](#) / [Acts 2:42-47](#)



16 / Mon – Habit #2 and the challenge | Read [Luke 7:33-34](#)

Did you know that how you eat can surprise the world? Jesus was a real person who, in addition to teaching and doing miracles, did normal things like sleeping and eating. People knew he lived a holy life so they questioned why he ate with certain people. In living a life that raises questions, habit #2 is to eat with others you may not know well. This week's challenge: to find three different people to eat with. Look around. What surprising person does God want you to have lunch with this week?

17 / Tue – Church dinners | Read [Acts 2:42-47](#)

People joke about the church 'potluck' where everyone brings a dish to share and if you are *lucky*, you'll find something you like. Have you been to one of these events? If so, you'll notice that people come for the food but stay to talk. There is often laughter and great conversation as people catch up with old friends and make new ones. The early church was famous for their 'love feasts' (potluck dinners) that helped them build community. Who do you eat with for this reason?

18 / Wed – Lunch with who? | Read [Luke 19:1-10](#)

It is one thing to eat out with good friends. But what about those you don't know quite as well? Jesus must have felt very strongly about connecting with this despised tax-collector because he went so far as to invite himself to Zacchaeus' house for dinner. And instead of being offended, Zacchaeus was thrilled that Jesus wanted to eat with him. Look at what happened as a result (verse 8). Why do you think Jesus' attention had such an impact on this man?

19 / Thu – A third-party participant | Read [Matthew 18:20](#)

You might be eating lunch with one person for the purpose of getting better acquainted, showing that they are a person of value, but there will always be a third party present. It's interesting what unusual directions a conversation over lunch can take. As you listen to what someone says, you can gain insight on how to pray for them. No matter if it's lunch with another believer or an atheist, your genuine interest might be the thing that helps move them one step closer to God.

20 / Fri – Meal to remember | Read [Luke 22:19](#)

What we now call holy communion started as a meal with Jesus and his closest friends on their last night together, even though his friends did not know it. After Jesus' death, the conversation they had took on new meaning. Jesus could have chosen anything as a symbol to jog his friends' memories of him but he chose a meal and their conversation around a table. What memories will you make and with whom will you make them?

21 / Sat – Think back | Read [Matthew 25:40](#)

#1 - Who did you *bless* this week (habit #1) and how?

#2 - What three people did you *eat* with this week and what was the outcome?

#3 - What interesting questions came up in your conversations?