



## WEEK SIX | THE TABLE OF SERVICE

This is the final session for this series. The idea of the table and what happens at them in our homes, workplaces, restaurants, staff meetings, etc. raises up memories, good and painful, loving relationships, anniversaries, birthdays, planning a life together; the list is almost endless. Jesus used actual and symbolic tables to teach us, show he is one of us, and call us to the kingdom life out of the temporary one we live in this world. Don't you just love to be invited to someone's table? To be thought of by others to spend time with them? It feels good. It should because we were made to be with others.

### GETTING STARTED

**How does being in a community group help *you* experience community?**

**If we stopped providing community groups (we're not, it's a hypothetical question), how would you still experience more personal and deeper community in the church?**

### TALK ABOUT IT

**Read Luke 22:7-30 (The Last Supper)**

**Tough question alert! If you knew your time in this life was ending soon, what would you want to say to your loved ones?**

Jesus spent an immense amount of time teaching people how to walk in repentance. That may sound like he was always pointing out their sins and flaws, but the reality is that he helped them understand what repentance was so they could live the life of forgiveness that they were made to live.

**How would you describe repentance?**

**How have you found it particularly difficult to “turn” your heart from sinful behaviors?**

**What have you found helps you most?**

## **APPLY IT**

In the introduction, I mentioned several things that happens around our tables. In this story, Jesus shared an experience born out of the past, the Passover. In short, the Passover meal was a remembrance in Israel of God sparing the lives of Hebrew children in Egypt when they were slaves.

**How did Jesus forever change the Passover in this story?**

(Leaders: I'm going to give you a little help here so you will follow my lead. Before this event, the Hebrews marked the occasion based on their history in Egypt. Jesus transformed it to be a remembrance of how his sacrifice of blood and body saved all mankind forever. It revealed what the original Passover foreshadowed.) Read Exodus 12 if you want to learn more about the first Passover.

**Read Luke 22:19-20 again**

**How is taking weekly communion challenging for you (keeping it real)?**

**How does it challenge you and make you a better follower of Jesus?**

**Jesus pointed out that being a servant is what it's all about. How is that going for you?**

## **PRAY**

This is our final group session for the spring season. Be sure to plan how to stay in touch over the summer months. Plan at least one event together, maybe a meal? Pray before you leave.