

EAT**What if the Church BLESSED the Neighborhood?**

I will bless you ... and you will be a blessing ... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

Genesis 12:2-3

SERIES BIG IDEA:

God has blessed me so I can _____ people where I _____, _____, and _____.

"The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."

Matthew 11:19 (NIV)

The way Jesus ate and drank was the _____ thing to do.

¹⁴As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. ¹⁵While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹⁷On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Mark 2:14-17 (NIV)

Jesus would _____ with others who were not like him.

- **Sharing a meal is an act of _____.**
- **Sharing a meal with a person communicates that the person is _____.**

⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. ⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"

John 4:6-7 (NIV)

Jesus would _____ with others who were not like him.

Jesus engaged others _____ he was and regardless of how he _____.

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

Eating and drinking with others is a powerful expression of _____ and _____.

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 19:10

Jesus came to _____ and _____ the lost.

WHAT EATING AND DRINKING WITH OTHERS DOES:

- **Meals create opportunity to form _____ with others**
- **People _____ what is important to you**

I have up to _____ opportunities each week to eat and drink where I live, work, and play.

Eating with others can _____ and _____ a relationship.

Start personally and start in your home. I dare you. I dare you in the name of Jesus Christ... Begin by opening your home for community... You don't need a big program... All you have to do is open your home and begin.

—Francis Schaeffer

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