

# SMALL GROUP GUIDE

## AT THE TABLE:

The Bible begins and ends with meals. The first words of God to humans are an invitation to eat; the first conflict in the Bible is over a forbidden meal; the last act of Jesus before his death is to share a meaning-laden feast with his disciples; and the final vision of the new world is of a massive, joyful banquet. Hospitality is a massively important issue in the Bible - both for the host and the guest:

*God hosts us, and we have the privilege of hosting God.*



## WHEN YOU MEET:

**Fortnight starting Sunday 27 February**

**PRAY:** Spend some time introducing the prayer practice of Examen, then take 10 minutes to work through it together. You may want allow a few moments, afterwards, for people to share what happened. There's more information on the website, as well as audio files you can use to help guide the group: <https://grlc.org.au/2020/10/08/daily-examen/>

**READ:** Luke 7:36-50

## DISCUSS:

1. How does this passage challenge or broaden my understanding of who God is / what God is like? His compassion, mercy, love, peace faithfulness, forgiveness, grace, justice, etc...
2. In what ways is this passage changing my thinking regarding what it means to be a follower of Jesus? For example: how is it expanding my understanding; growing my love for others; encouraging me to keep following Jesus; showing me how I may have been going in the wrong direction (away from God).
3. How does this passage encourage me to actively reveal the love of Jesus? For example: How can I partner with the Holy Spirit in sharing the love of God with others through my words and my actions? (e.g. what types of hospitality could you show to others?)

## MORE RESOURCES:

- Discipleship Resources Hub: [grlc.org.au/discipleship-resources/](https://grlc.org.au/discipleship-resources/)
- Latest sermon: <https://grlc.org.au/grlc-hub/>

