

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 13 March

PRAY: Take 10 minutes to work through Examen together. You may want allow a few moments, afterwards, for people to share what happened. Find more information and audio files on the website:

<https://grlc.org.au/2020/10/08/daily-examen/>

READ: Luke 15:11-31

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?)

PRAY: Share praise points and pain points, and think about who else around us might need prayer (e.g. those affected by floods, COVID, war...)

MORE RESOURCES:

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

