

## Meals/Hospitality – Meals Show Our Need For God

## Lesson 1

Lord of the Feast, we need you to give us life. We need you to feed us each day. We need you to help us when we wander astray. Lord, feed us with your grace that we might live satisfied by the truth that we are always welcomed by you and given all that we need to be filled. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*In the stories today, the meals/hospitality show how much we need God to have life abundantly.*

### Day 1 Read Genesis 2:15-17

1. What was the command that God gave to Adam regarding eating in the garden?

2. What two things does God give to Adam (and, by extension, Eve as well) by this command?

### Day 2 Read Genesis 3:1-7

3. The serpent tempts the woman in the story to eat the fruit. Who or what does the serpent symbolize?

4a. What is the reason that God doesn't want the fruit from the Tree of Good and Evil to be eaten by the humans according to the serpent?

b. So, then given the answer to question 4a, what are we, as humans trying to do when we sin?

5. What does it mean that "the eyes of both were opened and they knew that they were naked" and so sewed fig leaves to cover themselves? Why was this so significant in the wake of their sin?

### Day 3 Read Genesis 3:8-13

6. The first act of grace on the part of God appears in these verses. What is it?

7. What was the man's response to God's question? Why is that response so strange given the creation in which they live?

### Day 4 Read Genesis 17:1-8, 15-17

8a. God renews his covenant with Abram and Sarai (Abraham and Sarah) that he made years ago with them. What is that covenant (there are really three parts to it)?

b. What is the fundamental problem in the covenant according to Abraham in verse 17?

### Day 5 Genesis 18:1-15

9. Abraham is encountered by three men. What did he invite them to do?

10a. During this time they revealed something to Abraham. What did they reveal to him?

b. What was Sarah's response to the news?

c. What is God's response to Sarah?

11. The meal with Abraham, Sarah, and the three men did not cause the birth of their son or her pregnancy. But the invitation of Abraham to come and share a meal is significant to the fulfillment of the promise. Why?

### Day 6

12. We need God. Whether we realize it or not, we need God in so many ways. How do these lessons demonstrate the need, not just that these characters have, but us as well?