

Lord Jesus, when you walked alongside us you called many people into fellowship with you. You created community that we might be the Body of Christ with one another. Bless us as we are gathered with you and one another, that we might find life in our fellowship. Amen.

In the stories today, the meals/hospitality are a key part of the fellowship of the faithful.

Day 1 Read Luke 10:38-42

1. Martha invites Jesus into her home. Her sister was present for this visit as well.

a. How do Mary and Martha each extend hospitality to Jesus?

b. How does Martha react to Mary's behavior?

2a. What is Jesus' response to Mary and what does he mean by what he says?

b. Who do you think you are more like? Mary? Martha? What do you think God is really calling you to be/do?

Day 2 Read Luke 19:1-10

3. Why does Zacchaeus seek out Jesus?

4. Why are people in the crowd so upset with Jesus for his contact with Zacchaeus?

5. In what ways does Jesus give Zacchaeus worth and dignity?

Day 3 Read Luke 10:1-12

6. Jesus doesn't send the disciples out alone. How are they sent?

7a. What are Jesus' instructions on what they should not take with them in verse 4?

b. Why do you think he instructs them as such?

8. Jesus says that "I am sending you out like lambs among wolves." Why would he do that? Why does he want them to be so vulnerable?

Day 4 Re-read Luke 10:1-12 & Read Luke 10:17-18

9a. What instructions does Jesus give when they arrive at someone's home?

b. Why stay in one house? Why not stay with as many people as you can?

10a. What if the town doesn't welcome them? What should the disciples do then?

b. When the disciples return, they returned with joy. Jesus responds that "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven." How is that true not just because of healing, but because of the hospitality that was shared?

Day 5 Read Acts 2:42-47; 10:23b-48; 21:1-16; 28:1-10

11. Immediately after Pentecost, what behaviors characterized the early Christians?

12. As Peter is staying in Cornelius' home he discovers something in verse 34. What does he realize about his calling?

Day 6 Read Acts 21:1-16; 28:1-10

13. As Paul moves throughout his journey in each of these stories what characterizes each person he encounters and each stop he makes?