Sermon Series: At the Table
Today's Message: Invited
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Matthew 11:19 (ESV)

19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at Him! A glutton and a drunkard, **a friend of tax collectors and sinners!**'

Jesus used the <u>TABLE</u> as a <u>BRIDGE</u>.

Matthew 9:10-12 (ESV)

10 And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and His disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 But when He heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick."

Jesus <u>VALUES</u> the people that "religion" often <u>DEVALUES</u>.

Tips for Engaging in Table Outreach:

- PREPARE
- DON'T CONDEMN or BE OFFENDED
- EXPRESS THE KINGDOM

Jesus keeps an open <u>INVITATION</u> at <u>HIS TABLE</u>.

Application Challenge:

Redeem the Table: Pray and ask God who you could invite to join you in a meal. Think of your neighborhood, co-workers, or acquaintances. Make it your goal to bless them and to express the Kingdom of God in word and deed.