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YOU BELONG HERE
Part 5: A Place at the Table

YOU belong here because of Jesus' invitation to the table.

[Matthew 9:10]

Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners.
[Matthew 22:4]

So he sent other servants to tell them, "The feast has been prepared. The bulls and fattened cattle have been killed, and everything is ready. Come to the banquet!"

[Luke 7:36]

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat.

[John 12:2]

A dinner was prepared in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him.

[Revelation 19:9]

And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.” And he added, “These are true words that come from God.”

[Acts 2:42]

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.

[Psalms 23:4-5]

Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff
protect and comfort me. You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies...

[Revelation 3:20]

“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever had a friend get invited to a great party or dinner and thought, "I wish I was invited?" How did that make you feel?

2. Have you ever been invited to a dinner or gathering that you didn't feel like you deserved? How did that feel?

3. When was the last time you spent intentional time around a table to eat and discuss God's provision, God's protection, and His peace? Was it Thanksgiving? Decide right now when you will gather with friends and family and give great thanks to our God.

4. When was the last time you opened your table to those who don't live in peace? Who is it in your life that fits that description? Who can you invite to your house for a meal to simply display the peace of God?

5. Spend some time praying for God's direction on who you need to invite to sit around your table.