



Questions for further study

Dinner with Jesus

22nd June 2025

Mark 2: 13-17

1. Think of mealtimes in your family. Do you gather together around a table or do things differently? Why? What could you do to connect with others over mealtimes? For those who live alone, what do mealtimes mean to you?
2. Why do you think conversation flows better when you are eating with others?
3. Think back over your life. When was the first time you felt seen by Jesus? How did it make you feel?
4. How can we foster an attitude of openness and acceptance, especially towards those who are shunned or marginalised? By labelling people as unclean, the religious leaders prevented them from offering sacrifices and being forgiven. How has the “church” done this historically?
5. Are there people, either individually or collectively as a group, who you feel afraid, suspicious or uncertain of? Why? What practical steps can you take to gain a better understanding of them?
6. It may not be wise or practical to invite someone to your home for a meal. What could you do instead? Who is around you? Take time to open your eyes this week and actively look for those who are marginalised. Make a point of speaking to them.