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Eat Freely!

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,..." (Genesis 2:16, ESV)

Drink Freely!

And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. (Revelation 22:17, ESV)

I love you! I forgive you! Let's eat!

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!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds." (Matthew 11:19, ESV)

Around the Table with Jesus...

- In Luke 5 Jesus eats with tax collectors and sinners at the home of Levi.
- In Luke 7 Jesus is anointed at the home of Simon the Pharisee during a meal.
- In Luke 9 Jesus feeds the five thousand.
- In Luke 10 Jesus eats in the home of Martha and Mary.
- In Luke 11 Jesus condemns the Pharisees and teachers of the law at a meal.
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- In Luke 19 Jesus invites himself to dinner with Zacchaeus.
- In Luke 22 we have the account of the Last Supper.
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Around the Table Summer Challenges

One - Refresh or reinstitute the family meal time.

Two - Invite someone, a couple, some people from your current relational circles to your home, backyard, or back deck for a meal this summer.

“Do this in remembrance of me.”

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