



## Family Dinner Time

So often quarrels and arguments start at the dinner table. A place that's meant to draw people together can easily turn into a battlefield. During this series, we will learn what the Bible teaches about how to deal with Family Feuds. Today, I want to talk to you about the importance of Family Dinner time!

**Picture this: Dinner is ready and placed on the table. You call the family to the table... And then it happens.**

Series Scripture:

A Family Splintered by Feuding will fall apart Mark 3:25

## Family Dinner is about Communion

Communion: the sharing or exchanging of intimate thoughts and feelings, especially when the exchange is on a mental or spiritual level; Intimate communication.

**Is it surprising that many feuds and arguments start at the dinner table? A place meant for bonding and intimate communication.**

When the time came, Jesus and the apostles sat down **together at the table**. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said, "I have been **very eager** to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." Luke 22:14-16

**He breaks bread and drinks wine.**

**“But here at this table,** sitting among us as a friend, is the man who will betray me.”<sup>22</sup> For it has been determined that the Son of Man must die. But what sorrow awaits the one who betrays Him.”<sup>23</sup> The disciples began to ask each other which of them would ever do such a thing. Luke 22:21-23

Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them. Luke 22:24

Peter said, “Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you, and even to die with you.”<sup>34</sup> But Jesus said, “Peter, let me tell you something. Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.” Luke 22:33-34

**What did the disciples do?**

**We miss important moments and conversations because of arguments and disagreements at the table.**

**There’s bread at the table and we choose to go hungry.**

## **Stay at the TABLE**

**Through Jesus, we see another way. Jesus could have walked away from the table. We would have.**

Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.<sup>13</sup> Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.<sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. Colossians 3:13-14

**Jesus stayed and showed us what it’s like to remain at the table.**

## **Broken Bread is Shared at the table**

And though we are many, we all eat from one loaf of bread, showing that we are one body. 1 Corinthians 10:17

**Communion helps us recognize that we’re bonded together through Jesus, and His sacrifice was for us all equally.**

**We are equals at the table.**

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. Revelation 3:20

**There's a story called the Prodigal Son. The youngest son asks for his inheritance and wastes all his money in ungodly ways.**

About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. Luke 15:14

**"When he finally came to his senses**, he said to himself, **'At home** even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! Luke 15:17

**I will go home** to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you,<sup>19</sup> and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Luke 15:18-19

**He returned home** to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.<sup>21</sup> His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.' Luke 15:20-21

"But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet.'<sup>23</sup> And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, Luke 15:22-23

**You're always welcome at the table.**

On the night when He was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread.<sup>24</sup> and gave thanks to God for it. 1 Corinthians 11:23-24a

**My Next Steps:**

- ☐ **Plan to come Next week for Family Feud Series**
- ☐ **Invite someone to Break Bread at your House**

**Tithes and Offerings**

And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. <sup>45</sup> They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. Acts 2:44-45

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