



EATING

MONTH 7 OF EPIC PURPOSE

EPIC EATING



EQUIP WEEK



WELCOME

Welcome to First Priority! Let's play a game.



TEACH

Today is **Equip Week** where we are teaching and having conversations about ways that Jesus embodied **eating** with others. Let's pray before we get started.

This month, we are talking about eating with others. Jesus showed us how eating with others was an essential part of His ministry and should be for us too. Jesus spent time eating with people who seemed to be far from God to invite them into a relationship with God.

Mark 2:14-17, says, "As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at his tax collector's booth. Follow me and be my disciple, Jesus said to him. So Levi got up and followed him. Later, Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. (There were many people of this kind among Jesus' followers.) But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked his disciples, Why does he eat with such scum? When Jesus heard this, he told them, Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

Let's look at three things Jesus showed us about eating with others:

- Eating with others is an invitation into a new relationship.
- Eating with others is a way of saying everyone is welcome.
- Eating with others is a way to share the Good News.

Big Idea: Every meal is an opportunity to share the Good News.

For this section, get into groups of 3-5 and go through the discussion questions, challenge, Bible Project video, and pray together.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What's your favorite food?
- Who do you often eat with?
- How would you feel if you got to eat a meal with Jesus?
- Have you ever considered sharing a meal with someone as a way to build relationships and share the Good News?



CHALLENGE

Intentionally invite someone to join you for a meal this week. Maybe even someone out of your comfort zone. Be aware that is an opportunity to share the Good News through your actions and words.

Scan the QR code below for a short video about how Jesus embodied **eating**.



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Invite everyone to pray as we close.

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PREPARE WEEK

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TEACH

Today is **Prepare Week** where we are sharing our stories about **love**. Let's pray to get started.

Jesus valued people's stories. He helped everyone know the truth about their identity. They are welcomed, loved, and accepted unconditionally through Jesus. We want to hear your stories!



STORY QUESTIONS

- What is your favorite restaurant or food?
- Has there ever been a time that you were invited to a meal or coffee shop that made you feel really valued?
- Have you ever felt excluded?
- How has your relationship with God impacted your life?



CHALLENGE

Now we're going to open up time for everyone to share their stories. Everyone is welcome to share with a leader, friend, or the whole group - so if you would like to, go for it!

Scan this QR code for an app called MySharePal that will help you share your story and ask others questions about their stories.

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INVITE WEEK

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Today is **Invite Week** where we are teaching and having conversations about how **truth** is Good News. Let's pray before we get started.

Today we are going to go a step further and talk about how to have a meaningful conversation with the person you're eating with.

There's something about sharing a meal, snack, or even just coffee with someone that encourages connection and vulnerability. So, here's a tool that can help with making those conversations more meaningful. It's called Ask, Admire, Admit. It's a tool from Dare2Share ministries that's meant to help in conversations about the Gospel, but it can be helpful in any conversation.

Ask: Ask questions to understand where people are coming from and to learn more about them. This will help you become a better listener and talk less about yourself.

Admire: Admire and encourage positive qualities about them.

Admit: Be vulnerable by admitting your own imperfections and doubts.

The Gospel is a public, royal announcement about Jesus, Who lived, died, and was raised to life to be the King that we so desperately need. All who believe in Him receive forgiveness, new life, and hope for the future. Jesus is making all things new, setting right what is wrong, and bringing Good News to everyone who receives it.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is your favorite dessert?
- How do you think sharing meals builds relationships?
- What do you think about the Good News of Jesus?



CHALLENGE

Invite someone out for a meal or coffee, and this time buy the meal for them. Then while you eat together, spend time listening, asking how they are doing, and ask if there is any way you can pray for them. Just focus on being a good friend and showing the love of Jesus.

Scan this QR code to watch a video about the story of Jesus' Good News.



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CONNECT WEEK



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TEACH

Today is Connect Week where we are teaching and having conversations about connecting with God and others. Let's pray before we get started.

We have been talking about eating with others to invite them into community. Jesus showed us that this is a great way for us to connect, build relationships, get to know each other, and talk about the Good News.

Give anyone who would like the opportunity to share about upcoming events at their youth group.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How can we help you get more connected to Christ?
- How can we help you get more connected to our FP Club?
- How can we help you get more connected to a youth group?



CHALLENGE

Below is a QR code you can scan to start a YouVersion Bible app plan by First Priority. Today's challenge is to complete this study on your own or with a friend. It is a great way to help a friend who is curious about faith, help a new follower of Jesus take next steps, and help you go deeper in your own faith.



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Does anyone have any prayer requests? Invite everyone to pray for prayer requests to close.