



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

How to BLESS Your Neighbor: EAT
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Series Recap: BLESSED to be a BLESSING!

B.L.E.S.S. Practices

- Begin with Prayer
- Listen
- _____
- Serve
- Story

JESUS USED EATING AS A MISSIONAL PRACTICE

- FIRST MIRACLE WAS A _____
- _____ PEOPLE ON A COUNTRYSIDE
- _____ WITH HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS
- _____ ON THE BEACH

THE BEST EXAMPLE - EATING WITH "SINNERS"

• _____:

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew (Levi) **sitting at the tax collector's booth.** **"Follow me,"** he told him, and **Matthew got up and followed him.** Matt. 9:9

While Jesus was **having dinner at Matthew's house,** many **tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate** with him and his disciples. Matt. 9:10

• _____ ERUPTS OVER THIS DINNER

When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, **"Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"** Matt. 9:11

On hearing this, Jesus said, **"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.** But go and learn what this means: **'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'** For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Matt. 9:12-13

The Son of Man **came eating and drinking,** and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and "sinners.'" 35 **But wisdom is proved right by all her children.**" Luke 7:34-35

"When we invite friends for a meal, we do much more than offer them food for their bodies. We offer friendship, fellowship, good conversation, intimacy, and closeness. When we say, 'Help yourself... take some more... don't be shy... have another glass...' we offer our guests not only our food and drink but also ourselves. A spiritual bond grows, and we become food and drink for one another." -Henri J.M. Nouwen

THE CHALLENGE TO BLESS BY EATING

- _____
- _____

EXCUSE #1 - "I don't like to have _____ in my house"

EXCUSE #2 - "I wouldn't know what to _____"

EXCUSE #3 - "I just don't have _____"