

Taste And See

The Hospitality of Jesus

Matthew 15:29-39

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Introduction: In 1 Peter 2:2-3, Peter's ultimate desire is for the church to have an insatiable appetite for the word of God. Just as a baby craves milk, so should Christians crave the living Word as well as the written Word. Spiritual growth and maturity is not an option in the Christian life, it should be our hearts desire to "grow into salvation". When Jesus called Peter to follow him, he promised that he would make Peter a fisherman of men. Peter accepted the call to follow Jesus, and for three years he became a part of Jesus' inner circle. Twenty-four hours a day he did life together with Jesus and eleven other men. He watched Jesus heal the sick, walk on water, feed the five thousand, make the lame walk, caused the blind to see, turn water into wine and had table fellowship with everyday people. In a real sense, Peter tasted that the Lord is good for himself.

Prayer: Father, we ask that you help us to understand the radical hospitality of Jesus in this text.

Read: Mathew 15:32-39.

Review: what did you understand about grace from last week?

Discussion:

1. Why did Jesus start with compassion for the people? Instead of instruction for the disciples?
2. Did the disciples answer with faith or doubt? How did Jesus respond?
3. Describe the sequence of Jesus's actions. Is this sequence important for the disciples?
4. Why were there leftovers? Are there usually leftovers from your hospitality meals?
5. After he sent the crowd away, Jesus left. How do you react to that?

Application: Will there be an opportunity for radical hospitality for you this week?

Prayer: Our God has built into us a desire for hospitality. Amen