

Christ's Common Words and
their Uncommon Significance.

**CLASS 4:
“GIVE HER SOMETHING
TO EAT”**

**HYDE PARK & SOUTHERN VALES
SPECIAL WEEKEND 2024**

*Potluck Supper
this Sunday
at 5 pm
Prayer
and
Medication
to follow*



'FELLOWSHIP MEAL'?



“With desire I have desired to eat this
Passover with you before I suffer”
Luke 22:15

**Class Brainstorm:
What is 'fellowship'?**



Survey Says (42 responses)

What do you associate with the term “fellowship”?

(Check all that apply)

- Breaking of Bread service (70%)
- Socializing with friends. (55%)
- Sharing a meal together. (62%)
- Spending time with those of like-minded faith. (91%)
- Other. (14%)
- I prefer not to answer this question. (0%)

What is the best way for young people in the Truth to fellowship today?

- Weekend events. (12%)
- Bible School/Camp (including Youth Conferences). (54%)
- Travelling to other countries. (10%)
- Memorial Meeting. (12%)
- Other. (12%)
- I'd prefer not to answer this question. (0%)



How important is food?!

Jairus' daughter (Mark 5:41-43)

- And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.
- And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.
- And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded **that something should be given her to eat.**

Implications:

- ✓ Don't underestimate the value of reaching people on a physical level, while attending to their spiritual needs as well.



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Matthew/Levi (Mark 2:14-17)

- And as he passed by, he saw Levi [Matthew] the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.
- And it came to pass, that, as Jesus **sat at meat in his house**, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him.
- And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?
- When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.



Implications:

- ✓ Jesus shared a meal with those others considered 'sinners'.
- ✓ He was bringing them up to his level, he was not stooping down to theirs!

Feeding the hungry...

- A great Ecclesial or Youth Group activity is to fill bags for people in need:
 - ✓ A bible
 - ✓ Some literature
 - ✓ Food – granola bar, food gift card
 - ✓ Water/Juice
 - ✓ Toiletries
 - ✓ A message from you?



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The Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-27)

- And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, **eat**; this is my body.
- And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **Drink** ye all of it;

Luke 24: 35 And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was **known** of them in breaking of bread.

1 Corinthians 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew [**proclaim**] the Lord's death till he come.



Implications:

- ✓ Do we 'know' Jesus this way?
- ✓ Do we 'proclaim' his death when we partake of the emblems?

To “know” Jesus & “shew” his death...

Consider Exodus 13:8-9 “And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, ‘This is done because of that which the Lord did unto **me** when I came forth out of Egypt.’ And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a **memorial** between thine eyes, that the LORD'S law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt.”

- So, to “proclaim”, to “tell of”, or to “preach” Christ’s death is to publicly acknowledge our deliverance from the slavery of sin and death. To think deeply about our salvation and reflect that in word and deed.
- This proclaiming then is a combination of words and deeds, and an attitude shown in every aspect of our lives. Starting on a Sunday morning and continuing all week!
- It is a time to tell of our own personal redemption, to proclaim that Jesus’ life, death and resurrection has changed our own life for good. What we do Sunday morning has to be replicated every day of our lives



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The Last Meal (in Galilee): John 21

- Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, **have ye any meat?**
- As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.
- Jesus saith unto them, **Come and dine.**



Implications:

- ✓ Meals are a time for reflection and serious questioning about our true motives and desires.
- ✓ Jesus asks – “Do you love me?”

Luke 24:41-43 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, **Have ye here any meat?** And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them.

John 4 – food, drink, food

- v. 6, 8 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour... (For his disciples were gone away unto the city **to buy meat.**)
- v. 7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, **Give me to drink.**
- v. 31, 32 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. But he said unto them, **I have meat** to eat that ye know not of.



Implications:

- ✓ A simple question or comment can lead to a serious discussion
- ✓ Do we give people a reason to ask us a question? (1 Peter 3:15)
- ✓ Is sharing the Gospel Hope with others something you desire?

“You give them something to eat” → preaching/teaching,
healing and feeding!

Mark 6:34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with **compassion** toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to **teach** them many things, (and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and **healed** them that had need of healing. Luke 9:11)

35-36 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed: Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.

37 He answered and said unto them, **Give ye them to eat.** And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?

38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes. (but what are they among so many? John 6:9)



Implications:

- ✓ Are we motivated by compassion in our outreach efforts?
- ✓ Do our outreach efforts focus on the spiritual, mental and physical needs of people?
- ✓ You don't have to 'have it all' → Jesus makes up the gap!

Matthew 24:45-51 → which servant are you?

- Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, **to give them meat in due season?**
- Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.
- But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, **and to eat and drink with the drunken;**
- The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

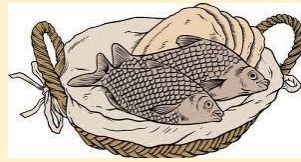


Matthew 25:34-40 → Sheep or Goat?

- Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:
- For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me...
- Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, **ye have done it unto me.**



- YOUR ACTION PLAN:



- How can I make my efforts to share the gospel message with others include a physical component?



- What can I do to have more people ask me a question about my hope?



- When I get home I am going to: _____



Let us pray

Our Father in Heaven, you remind us each day of our need for food – that desire comes naturally to us. Without thinking you provide and we feed ourselves.

May we also be reminded each day of our need for spiritual food – your Word, your Son – thank you for these provisions!

We value the fellowship we have with you, your son and the ecclesia.

Help us to learn to share these blessings with others – natural and spiritual food – that none might be lost.

We often feel inadequate, but we know that you can ‘make up the gap’ if we trust in you and move forward in faith, trusting your commands.

Thank you for all your love, mercy, and provision of food – natural and spiritual.

In your son’s beloved name, amen.