**Food and the Mission of Jesus**

**HOOK**

**1. What’s your favourite food? What’s your favourite dessert?**

**2. How often do you eat together with your family? How often do you eat alone each week?**

**3. What café, restaurant or coffee shop do you like to go to in order to meet people?**

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**4. Read 1 Tim. 4:1-5 Do you give thanks before a meal? Why is that important to you**? (It reminds us that food isn’t just fuel – it’s a sacred gift from a generous God. It also reminds us that we continually need God in our life, not just that we need to eat)

**5. Read Acts 2:42-47** How do shared meals with others embody God’s Grace and give form to community and mission? (We shape, and are shaped, by those we eat and drink with.)

**6. Agree or disagree: The meal is one of our most effective mission strategies.** (Hospitality in any form is very effective. It costs time and money but creates a context for the message of grace.)

**7. Read Mark 10:45; Luke 19:10; and Luke 7:34. The first two are statements of purpose; the third passage is a statement of method. Why do you think Jesus chose the strategy of eating and drinking to seek and save those who are far from him?** (Meals enact mission because they enact grace. Meals open doors and lower defenses to honest conversation of deeper life issues.)

**8. Read Luke 14:12-14. How can meals be used as a mission strategy to the poor?**

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**9. How easily does the practice of Hospitality come for you? When was the last time you hosted someone in your home for dinner? (either Christian or non‐Christian)**

**10. What barriers do you face in sharing a meal with others in your home?**

**11. Who would you like to invite to your home, visit at their home, or go out for food with over the next 2 weeks?**

**12. Who do you know that is in need and could really use a meal?**