

TITLE: IDENTIFYING MY RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS – PART 2

TEXT: LUKE 10:38-42; JOHN 12:1-7

INTRODUCTION

A. God created us for relationship

B. God’s relationship with humans is more personal and intimate than any other of God’s creation

AFFIRMATION	RECOMMENDATION
<p>A. Lazarus sat at the table with Jesus</p> <p>B. Sitting at the table with Jesus is a good thing</p> <p>C. Sitting at the table with Jesus affirms a personal / intimate relationship with Jesus</p> <p>1. The people went to the Tabernacle a. Exodus 33:7, <i>7... everyone who sought the Lord went out to the tabernacle of meeting which was outside the camp</i></p> <p>b. 2 Chronicles 6:40, <i>40 Now, my God, I pray, let Your eyes be open and let Your ears be attentive to the prayer made in this place.</i></p> <p>2. The Tabernacle came to us John 1:14, <i>14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth....</i></p> <p>3. The Tabernacle is within us a. 2 Corinthians 6:16, <i>16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.”</i></p> <p>b. 1 Corinthians 6:19, <i>19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?</i></p> <p>D. Sitting at the table with Jesus affirms that Jesus is my friend</p> <p>1. John 11:11, <i>11 “Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up.”</i></p> <p>2. John 15:15, <i>15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.</i></p>	<p>A. Sitting at the table with Jesus has the potential of creating a false sense of privilege</p> <p>1. Romans 12:3, <i>3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.</i></p> <p>2. Proverbs 26:16, 27, <i>16 Have you found honey? Eat only as much as you need, Lest you be filled with it and vomit. 27 It is not good to eat much honey; So to seek one’s own glory is not glory.</i></p> <p>B. Sitting at the table with Jesus has the potential of creating a negative “us versus them” perspective</p> <p>1. Mark 2:15, <i>15 Now it happened, as He was dining in Levi’s house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many, and they followed Him.</i></p> <p>2. Luke 15:1, 2 <i>1 Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. 2 And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them” When Jesus heard it, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”</i></p> <p>C. Sitting at the table with Jesus has the potential of diminishing the deity of Jesus</p> <p>1. John 5:23, <i>23 that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.</i></p> <p>2. 1 John 2:22, 23, <i>22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. 23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.</i></p>