



## Extra Summer Resources

We hope you've been enjoying our All-Age Summer Series – Meals with Jesus. This summer we're exploring some of the meals Jesus shared to help us get to know Jesus better.

### Room for some more?

We've created these extra resources to help you want to dig a bit deeper with the stories from our Summer series.

You can use these questions to help you reflect, or while things are a little quieter over the summer why not arrange to meet up together with others to discuss and pray.

### Families

We've got some extra resources for families too. Find this week's video on [YouTube](#) and use the kids and youth questions below for your discussions.

## Week 1 – 31<sup>st</sup> July

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### Lunch with Zacchaeus. Luke 19:1-10

Jesus came to look for us and save us.

- Luke describes Zacchaeus in verses 2-3. Imagine what life was like for him. What sort of relationship do you imagine he had with the other citizens of Jericho?
- What kind of person might Zacchaeus be today?
- Why do you think Zacchaeus was so keen to see Jesus?
- Read verses 5-6. Which of the details Luke gives us stands out to you most? Why do you think these details are mentioned?
- Why do you think a meal with Jesus so transforms Zacchaeus?
- Where have you seen this kind of generosity in people who belong to Jesus?
- To what extent has Jesus impacted your relationship with money and possessions?
- Where would you like it to have more impact?
- Spend some time praying for someone you know like Zacchaeus. Maybe they don't yet know Jesus, but they have shown some intrigue.

**Book recommendation:** [Louie Giglio - Never too far](#)

### Questions for Kids and Youth

Today's story is about Zacchaeus. He was lost from God's family.

- What was Zacchaeus like?
- Why did people hate him?
- Who looked for lost Zacchaeus?
- What does it feel like when you find something that has been lost?
- Can you think of someone who is always getting into trouble? How would Jesus want to help them?

## Week 2 – 7<sup>th</sup> Aug

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### Picnic with 5000. Luke 9:10-17

Jesus can satisfy all our needs.

- How do you feel when you're hungry?
- What's one thing you would really want that you don't have?  
Maybe it's something you'd like to do or go or try or eat?!
- Why do you think Jesus provides much more than is necessary?
- Read Isaiah 25:6-8. This passage would have been well-known to those in the crowd. It pictures the time when God's kingdom will come in its fullness.
- When you think of God's provision, is it the kind of abundant generosity that's pictured in this episode? Why/why not?
- Where near you has a reputation for great food: a deli, farmers' market, café... Arrange a group visit, taking friends with you, together enjoying the best of God's provision!

**Book recommendation:** [How to pray a simple guide for normal people - Pete Greig](#). (ok so this one isn't linked but it's a great book to read!)

### Questions for Kids and Youth

Today's story is all about an amazing miracle to help us remember Jesus is powerful and can help when there is a need.

- What's your favourite part of this story?
- What did the hungry people need?
- What meal did Jesus give the crowd?
- How much did they eat?
- What words could you use to describe Jesus in this story?

## Week 3 – 14<sup>th</sup> Aug

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### Breakfast on the beach - John 21: 1-17

Jesus forgives, and Jesus sends.

- What can we learn from this passage in John 21 and why is it such an appealing encounter with Jesus?
- Jesus himself cooked the meal for his weary disciples. This isn't the first time that God provided food or drink to those who needed encouragement. (e.g., Hagar and Ishmael in Gen. 21:8-21; Elijah in 1 Kings 19:1-8)  
What does this tell us about God?
- Read Luke 22 v 54 – 62.
- How does the way he denied Jesus mirror the way Jesus reinstates Peter's call.
- We see that a restoration comes before commission – what does this tell us about Jesus?

**Book recommendation:** [Lifelines by Mike Pilavachi](#)

### Questions for Kids and Youth

Today's story is when Jesus cooks his friends breakfast and forgives Peter.

- What's your favourite part of the story?
- After they fished all night and caught nothing, what did Jesus tell the apostles to do?
- What happened next?
- Do you find it easy to forgive others?
- How would Peter have felt after being forgiven by Jesus.

## Week 4 - 21<sup>st</sup> Aug

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### Dinner at Mary & Martha's. Luke 10:38-42

We are invited to spend time with Jesus.

- How would you describe Martha's attitude towards Jesus?
- What do you think causes Martha to spin into such a frenzy?
- Think about how you feel about sitting and listening to Jesus as you read the Bible. Why is Jesus so clear that more than anything, this is what we need? What worries and priorities can distract you from hearing from Jesus?
- If you were Martha, how might you have responded to Jesus' words in verses 41-42?
- How might Martha's story have been different if she'd first sat at Jesus' feet?
- What might it mean to 'sit at Jesus' feet' today, even while he's physically absent?

**Book recommendation:** [The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry by John Mark Comer](#)

### Questions for Kids and Youth

Today's story is about two sisters, and some helpful advice that Jesus gave them!

- What's your favourite part of this story?
- What was Martha doing?
- What was Mary doing?
- Who made the better choice?
- What might get in the way of us spending time with Jesus.
- How can we listen to Jesus today?

## Week 5 - 28<sup>th</sup> Aug

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### Lunch with Levi (Matthew). Matthew 9:9-13

- Can you think of a time that eating a meal with others made you feel welcome or accepted.
- Given Levi's back story, how might eating with Jesus have made him feel?
- Why do you think they were angry about Jesus eating with sinners? Who do you think they thought Jesus should eat with? Why?
- With whom do you most identify in this story? Why?
- What does Jesus' willingness to eat with people rejected by society say to you personally?
- Read [Acts 2:46](#). When the early Christians met, it was often over meals.
- What does this show about how the earliest Christians viewed church?
- To what extent do Christians lose something important if they don't eat together regularly?
- What place could meals have in welcoming others in our community.

**Book recommendation - [Gentle and Lowly - Dane Ortlund](#)**

### Questions for Kids and Youth

Today's story is about a man called Levi, who Jesus loved and welcomed.

- What's your favourite part of the story?
- What does it feel like to be chosen? How do you think Levi felt when Jesus chose him to follow him? Why?
- Have you ever been poorly?
- Doctors can make us feel better when we hurt something or feel sick. Jesus is better than any doctor because only he can fix the sin in our hearts.

## Week 6 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sept

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### Supper with Friends. Luke 22:7-38

- What do verses 8-16 tell us about Jesus?
- Read Exodus 12:25-27 - What do the Passover and Jesus' impending death have in common? (verses 19-20)
- Is there anything from these passages that's new to you or jumped out afresh?
- Jesus repeats the phrase, 'for you'. How does it make you feel to remember again that Jesus gave his body and poured out his blood for you? Why do you think Jesus is so eager for you to remember this?
- Beyond taking communion with your church family, what could you do to dwell on and enjoy what we've seen today?
- If the Lord's Supper is a time for Jesus' followers to come together, is there a is there someone at church who's not been for a while? Could you check in on them / volunteer to go along with them next Sunday? Or why not drop them a message and arrange to see them.

**Book recommendation** - [The Last Supper on the Moon by Levi Lusko](#)

### Questions for Kids and Youth

In today's story, Jesus gave his friends a way to remember his death and how it saves them.

- What did they eat at this meal? Why?
- What did they eat and drink? Why?
- What does Jesus want us to remember?
- Who did Jesus have a meal with?
- What can we do to make sure we keep remembering what Jesus has done?
- How much do you think you need to love a person to die for them?
- How much do you think Jesus loves you?
- How will you feel when you see Jesus at the greatest meal ever?