

246 REFORMATION: A RETURN TO THE TABLE

TABLE STATS:

- 100 years ago the average dinner time was 1.5 hours. Today, it's 12 minutes
- The average household eats out 1.7 times a week...Atlantic Canada is highest in the nation (2 times per week)
- The meal that people go out for the most: DINNER

PROBLEM: We've come to value _____ over _____

What does it look like for me to follow Jesus here and now?

What is shaping us?

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts" (Acts 2:46)

What the Table has been:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts" (Acts. 2:42-46)



TABLE: It's our _____ (...household of faith)

The GUIDELINE of Home Church: _____ over

"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit"(Ephesians 2:19-22)

HOME CHURCH IS A...

1. _____ **(Joy/Family/Fun)**
2. _____ **(Word/Unity/Transparency)**
3. _____ **(Spirit/Vitality)**
4. _____ **(Generosity/Community)**
5. _____ **(Formation/Discipleship)**

TABLE: It's our _____ (...love for one another)

The GOAL of a Home Church: _____ for one another (even the stranger)

TABLE = _____

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have love you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you. Are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35)

"Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister" (1 John 4:20-21)

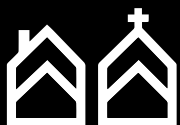


TABLE: It's our _____ (...one man sharpens another)

The GRACE of Home Church: _____ & _____

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17)

Behind every mature person is an encourager

Is this for me?