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Sharing a meal together really gives a "place of belonging".

He [Jesus] invited everyone to the table.

### Matthew 26.26-29

**26** As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it, for this is my body." **27** And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it, **28** for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many. **29** Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom."

### Luke 22:19

**19** He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

# Remembrance through communion is threefold:

1) We look back.

- 2) We look around.
- 3) We look ahead.

Communion is a meal designed for <u>all</u> those who believe and follow Jesus.

# 1 Corinthians 11:30-33

**20** When you meet together, you are not really interested in the Lord's Supper. **21**For some of you hurry to eat your own meal without sharing with others. As a result, some go hungry while others get drunk. 22 What? Don't you have your own homes for eating and drinking? Or do you really want to disgrace God's church and shame the poor? What am I supposed to say? Do you want me to praise you? Well, I certainly will not praise you for this! 23 For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread **24** and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." **25** In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it." 26 For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again. 27 So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 28 That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup. 29 For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. **30** That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died. **31** But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way. **32** Yet when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned along with the world. **33** So, my dear brothers and sisters, when you gather for the Lord's Supper, wait for each other.

# Our relationship with Jesus, while ALWAYS PERSONAL, is NEVER PRIVATE.

# John 6.33-35

**33** The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." **34** "Sir," they said, "give us that bread every day." **35** Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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