

PEARL *Adventure Awaits*

Sunday, September 26, 2021 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 2 | Eat

Luke 7:34; Matthew 13:45-46; Acts 17:17ff; Luke 5:27-32; 14:12-14

“The Son of Man (Jesus) came *Eating and Drinking*”

Jesus used **MEALS**

John 2:1-11; Luke 10:38-40; John 21

importance of meals in the Bible

meals slow us down; deepen relationships

to **CONNECT** with people

Acts 17:16-17; Luke 5:27-32; 7:34; 14:12-14

quality time is a byproduct of quantity time

don't be a fool or a pharisee

and let them see **WHO HE REALLY IS.**

Matthews 9:38

see who you really are

create thirst

PRAY *for them*
EAT *with them*
ASK *questions*
REVEAL *your story*
LOVE *them tangibly*

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Matthew 13:45-46 (ESV)



life groups Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

Welcome to Life Groups! Most of this week's questions (and more!) can be found on pages 48 and 49 of the PEARL Guidebook, focusing on "neighboring" well.

Conversation Kick-Starters

Can you remember the kitchen table in your house growing up? What did it look like? Who sat where? Do memories come to mind of any big moments/discussions/etc. that happened at that table?

Devotional Discussion

The devotional this week focused on "neighboring", being a good neighbor to those God puts in your path.

1. What challenged or impacted you from your reading and journaling this week? What about from the message on Sunday?
2. What from your processing this week are you feeling prompted by God to act on?

Group Facilitator | Consider picking one question from each Daily Reflection in the PEARL Guidebook this week and discussing as a group.

The Bible's advice on how we should treat our neighbor is very clear. The Bible says, "Love your neighbor as yourself" eight times. Not once. Not twice. Eight times!

Loving your neighbor as yourself is so important to God that He not only repeats Himself, but also makes it a command. And it's not just one in a long list of many commands. Notice: Jesus coupled loving your neighbor along with the command to love God! (**Read Mark 12:30-31**)

The question is: "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan (**Read Luke 10:25-37**). In the story, Jesus defines neighbor real broadly. We will do the same.

Group Reflection

1. How have you been the recipient of neighbors' acts of kindness? Or vice versa.
2. As a group, brainstorm simple ways to love non-Christians in your sphere of influence. Consider what this could look like in your neighborhood, workplace and other places where you frequent, such as your gym, coffee shop or school).
3. Can you name eight of your neighbors? What are their names and write down some info about them and their family (Ex. They

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We've published a 5-week daily devotional to accompany this series, complete with Group Discussion questions that you can use with your Life Group or with a friend as you work through it together. Get yours at the Connect Desk, or download a PDF and find other PEARL tools online at youareloved.church/pearl.



cheer for Da Bears, they have been married 25 years, they have two kids, she works for All State, etc.). Fill out this map to the best of your ability with the information of those neighbors (you might also create a map of your coworkers/classmates, those you interact with regularly):

WHO IS MY Neighbor?

4. What practical steps could you take to build more relationship with the neighbors on this chart?

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Luke 5:27-32 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

27 After this he **went** out and saw a tax **collector named Levi, sitting** at the tax **booth**. And he **said** to him, "**Follow** me."²⁸ And **leaving everything**, he **rose** and **followed** him. ²⁹ And **Levi made** him a **great feast** in his **house**, and **there** was a **large company** of tax **collectors** and **others reclining** at **table** with them.

³⁰ And the **Pharisees** and their **scribes grumbled** at his **disciples, saying**, "Why do you eat and **drink** with tax **collectors** and **sinners**?"³¹ And **Jesus answered** them, "Those who are **well** have no **need** of a **physician**, but those who are sick.

³² I have not come to call the righteous but **sinners** to repentance."

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