

Table Manners: Peter
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Reflection & Discussion Questions

Jesus describes his kingdom as a great banquet and uses the metaphor of a table

The table is not just us and Jesus

*How would you picture or describe Jesus' kingdom table?

Read and discuss John 13:34-35 (NIV)

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

*What are these verses saying to you?

*Why is it so challenging to sit at the table with people who are nothing like you?

Peter and others like him are optimistic, have lots of ideas and are committed to making them work, loves adventure and saying YES

He tries to avoid negative stuff, struggles to stay truly present and hates feeling trapped and walking through painful emotions.

*Do you see yourself or someone you know in Peter?

*What positive and negative characteristics do you resonate with?

Peter and others like him could greatly benefit from the spiritual discipline of solitude and leaning into this verse

1 Peter 4:19 (NIV)

¹⁹ So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

*What makes solitude and silence hard to practice? How have you seen it's benefit?

People like Peter need us to tell them God's going to take care of you-even when it's hard...continue

*What is great about having someone like Peter at the table?

*What can be frustrating about sitting with him?