

Table Manners: Paul
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Reflection & Discussion Questions

God has uniquely designed each person

Each person brings something special - and needed to the world.

- *Where do you most notice the unique differences of people around you (parenting, work, marriage, etc.)?
- *How does knowing and understanding ourselves impact how we know and understand others? God?

Joseph and others like him are creative and sensitive, they are true to themselves and see the world in terms of authentic expression

He was sometimes envious, felt misunderstood and abandoned, and occasionally presented himself as extra special.

- *Do you see yourself or someone you know in Joseph?
- *What positive and negative characteristics do you resonate with?

Joseph and others like him could greatly benefit from the spiritual practice of thankfulness and leaning into this verse

John 15:11 (ASV)

"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

- *How does practicing gratefulness help when we feel neglected or like there is a crucial missing piece?
- *What does this verse say to you? What does it say about our completeness in Christ?

People like Joseph need us to tell them you are seen and valued for who they are; they don't need to earn attention and worth

- *What is great and helpful about having someone like Joseph at the table?
- *What can be frustrating about sitting with him?

Peter – focused on freedom and adventure

Paul – focused on doing good and being good

Joseph – focused on the desire to be unique

- *What conflicts could arise with a Joseph at this table?
- *How could this type benefit a Peter or a Paul?