

Week 2:

# Radical Inclusivity

Jesus was willing to share a meal with anyone, no matter how different. In fact, he *reached out* to those who were different: the outcasts, all kinds of sinners, the rich and poor, friends and strangers. Jesus' tablemates didn't have to earn their place, reform themselves, or pass a test. They just had to show up.

Today, as we follow Jesus in our own lives, we are invited to One Table: Jesus' table. And we are invited to share it with everyone, as Jesus did. This is a challenge both within our church community and in our everyday lives.



In the Gospels we see that Jesus' passion for inclusivity virtually always trumps his concern for purity and worthiness. He associates and dines with sinners without setting any prior moral conditions that have to be met before those sinners are deemed worthy of his presence. His disciples, much like many good sincere church-people today, were forever trying to keep certain people away from him because they deemed them unworthy; but Jesus always protested that he didn't need that kind of protection and that, indeed, he wanted them all to come to him: Let them come to me! Indeed, that is still Jesus' call: Let them come to me, all of them!

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### Catholic Inclusivity

The word "catholic" means wide, universal. As Catholics, we're called to follow Jesus' passion for inclusivity.

### A Culture of Encounter

Pope Francis urges us to live with a "culture of encounter" that reaches out to those who are worse off than we are.

### Three Challenges of Gospel Inclusivity

Ready to try? See how these three practical challenges can be applied to your life.

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