

# DISCIPLESHIP CYCLE



**TITLE (DESCRIPTIVE & STICKY)** Lunch on the Fringe

**WHO THIS IS FOR** A Small Group

**DESIRED IMPACT** I want students to see themselves and others differently by eating with those they would normally avoid.

1. ENGAGES INNER AND OUTER GROWTH
2. IS SPIRIT LED
3. DEVELOPS MOMENTUM THAT LEADS TO NEXT CYCLE
4. MULTIPLICATIVE: DISCIPLES BECOME DISCIPLES.

**HEAR THE WORD**  
 WHAT KINGDOM VALUE OR SKILL DO YOU HOPE TO SEE DEVELOPED?  
 HOW WILL YOU MAKE SPACE TO HEAR GOD, IN SUBMISSION TO SCRIPTURE? HOW WILL YOU GROUND IT IN PRAYER?

**Mark 2:13-17, Eating with Sinners**  
 Main point: Jesus enjoys relationship with people who need him, regardless of how they are viewed by others.

3. How does Jesus' explanation in verse 17 invite the religious leaders to view themselves differently? What's Jesus' invitation to the disciples? To Levi and his friends?
4. Who do you identify with in this story?
5. Take a minute and ask Jesus to reveal his invitation to you. Share the invitation with your group.

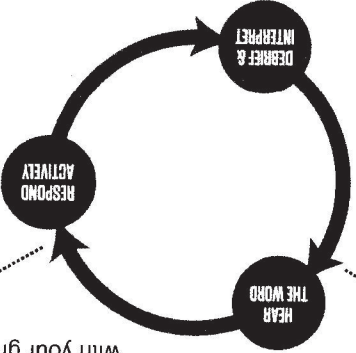
1. Jewish tax collectors were despised because they worked for the Roman occupation. Why would Jesus call a tax collector to join his inner circle and then hang out at his house?
2. What bothers the religious leaders about Jesus and his disciples enjoying a meal with Levi and his friends?

**DEBRIEF & INTERPRET**  
 HOW AND WHEN WILL YOU GATHER? HOW WILL YOU HOPE WILL BE GAINED FROM THE DEBRIEF? WHAT QUESTIONS WILL YOU ASK? IN HUMILITY, WHAT GOD IS DOING?

**Next week at Small Group:**

1. What was the impact of your lunch for the person you invited with? Did your lunch affect anyone else?
2. How did you experience Jesus in this interaction? What did he show you about Himself? yourself? and others?
3. How did your perspective change toward people

1. who you may have avoided? Toward yourself? Would you like to it to change further?
4. Ask Jesus if he'd like you to pursue this relationship further. What's the next step you could take? Who could you invite to join you in building this relationship?



1. Identify a person or group on campus that you avoid or have a hard time identifying with.
2. Pray for boldness to initiate with them and that Jesus would enable you to see them and yourself as Jesus does.
3. Focusing on the type of person Jesus has put on your heart in #1 and 2, invite an acquaintance to lunch, ask

**During the Week:** Text the group after your meal and share how it went.

4. As you eat, ask questions to get to know each other. Look for the unexpected and points of commonality. If appropriate, trade contact information to stay in touch.

**EXPAND THE INFLUENCE**  
 WHAT ARE THE NEXT CYCLES TO CAPTURE AND INCREASE MOMENTUM?  
 WHO ELSE CAN YOU INCLUDE? WHERE ELSE CAN THIS MAKE AN IMPACT?

**Follow-up Discipleship Cycles for momentum in mission:**

1. Luke 14:15-24, The Great Banquet – Who don't we normally invite our group? How can we be more proactive in including them?
2. Luke 19:1-10, Zacchaeus - Invite non-Christians to lunch and pray for opportunities to introduce them to Jesus.
3. John 1, Come and see – invite a younger Believer along to share the experience of lunch on the fringe. Help them to meet Jesus in the process.