

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Tribe - Part 1

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Introduction

King David had a good friend, Jonathan, whose son was named Mephibosheth. In 2 Samuel 4:4, we read that Mephibosheth became disabled. Many years had passed, but King David remembered Saul's family and invited Mephibosheth to his table. Jesus did the same thing during His ministry on earth: He invited people to come and join Him at His table.

Read

2 Samuel 4: 4, 2 Samuel 9:1-7

Discuss

Pastor Dale defined the word "tribe" as a community, just as the Holy Trinity is a community of God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit. For the past year or so, we have been living in a world altered by the pandemic and at times secluded from others due to lockdowns.

1. What does it mean to have a "tribe" in our generation? What are the challenges of being part of a tribe?
2. Read Luke 14:15-24. Jesus invited many people to His table. What "tribal culture" could we take on in following Jesus?
3. Our table is the extension of the Great King's table. Inviting others to our table means we are giving them access to our lives. Do you know someone who has a big table that is always open to more people? What is it that they do differently? How can we do better in inviting others to our table?
4. Pastor Dale mentioned that we could slow down and be relational. Discuss this idea and how we can avoid "informational transaction" and move into a deeper connection. What are some of the relational activities that we can plan?

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5. As we learn to extend our 'tribe', we can remove invisible walls, cross the culture and open our hearts to others who may be different from us. Is there someone you can invite to your table who is culturally different to you?

Respond

We were once like Mephibosheth and yet Jesus, out of His love and grace to us, invited us to come to His table. It is now our turn to extend our King's table for the people that God has already strategically placed around us. Who can you invite this week? Pray that the Holy Spirit will bring to mind someone who has crossed your path and invite this person to your table.