



## **Part Two: Let's Be Human Again // Jeff Brodie // March 13, 2022**

If you were asked how Jesus lived his life on earth as a blessing, chances are you would say healings, the crucifixion, or preaching, but you probably wouldn't say eating. However, when you look at the life of Jesus, he spent much of his time at parties connecting with people and serving them. What if the key to making an impact and rekindling relationships in our polarized society is as simple as having dinner together? What if at the heart of being human is humility itself?

**Scripture:** [Matthew 9:9-13 NLT](#), [John 13:12-17 NLT](#)

### **Getting Started:**

1. Would you say that the last 2 years have changed our world to become more polarized? Why or why not?
2. Have you ever considered the difference between ideology and identity? Have you experienced confusion between the two terms? Explain.
3. When Jeff shared that only 5-10% of the people in our world fall into the extreme poles (Ex: left vs. right, liberal vs. conservative), what was your response? Why do you think that is?

### **Discuss:**

4. Read [Matthew 9:9-13](#).
  - a. What stands out to you as you read this passage?
  - b. What does Jesus prioritize in this passage? Why do you think that is?
5. Jeff shared that there is something personal, intimate, and disarming about eating a meal with people. Have you ever experienced this to be true in your own life?
6. Read [John 13:12-17](#).

- a. Imagine you were a guest at the table where Jesus was washing your feet. How would you feel? What does this illustrate for us about who Jesus is to us?
- b. In this passage, Jesus models the significance of not just eating with people, but serving people. Which do you think is harder to do - eat with people or serve them? Why?
- c. Think of the last time someone served you. What stands out to you about that interaction?

**Moving Forward:**

Eating with someone helps them to know that you see them as a person. Serving someone you know lets them know that you value them for who they are. When you choose to bless someone, you're building a relationship with them.

This week, take up these two challenges from Jeff to both eat with and serve someone in your life:

1. Schedule dinner (or coffee) with someone and put it on your calendar. If you're feeling bold, try doing this with someone different each week for the next month.
2. Make a plan to serve someone in a personal way. Remember, this doesn't have to be complicated, just *personal*.

*"When Jesus wanted fully to explain what his forthcoming death was all about, he didn't give them a theory. He gave them a meal."* - N.T. Wright