

# A NEW WORLD IN THE SHAPE OF A SHARED TABLE

*A Safer, More Compassionate World for Us All*

**Luke 15:1-2**—Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

## Non-Kyriarchical

**Matthew 20:25, 26**—Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it OVER THEM, and their high officials exercise authority OVER THEM. NOT SO WITH YOU. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.”

**Matthew 23:8-12**— “But you are NOT to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have only one Master and YOU ARE ALL BROTHERS [equal]. And do NOT call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have ONE FATHER, and he is in heaven. NOR are you to be called ‘teacher,’ for you have ONE TEACHER, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

**Luke 22:25-26**—But he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you.”

**Mark 10:42-43**—So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you.”

**John 13:12**—After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you?”

**John 15:15**—I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends.

## Non-Exclusive

**Luke 15.1**—Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

**1 Peter 5.1-4**—To the ELDERS among you, I appeal as a FELLOW ELDER and a witness of Christ’s sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be SHEPHERDS of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; NOT LORDING IT OVER THOSE ENTRUSTED TO YOU, but being EXAMPLES to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

“That the world may be healed.” — John 3.17

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**Matthew 9.11**—When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

**Luke 5.30**—The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

**Luke 7.33-34**—For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’

### **Non-Homogenous**

**Luke 6.15**—And **Matthew**, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and **Simon**, who was called the Zealot,

**Luke 11.9**—She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying.

**The Book of Acts**—Gentiles

### **The Eucharist**

### **Many Voices; One New World**

**1 Corinthians 14.26**—What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, **EACH OF YOU** has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up.

**Romans 15.14**—I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent **TO INSTRUCT ONE ANOTHER**.

**Colossians 3.16**—Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you **TEACH AND ADMONISH ONE ANOTHER** with all wisdom through psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

### **The “One Others” of the New Testament**

