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Holy Spirit

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What: To make room at our table and seek room at other tables to include all in the good news

How: Table church, Identifying other tables to sit at, listening to Holy Spirit, Prayer

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Luke 15:1-2

Pharisees should think that we are engaging in and approving of sinful behaviour, but sinners should know that we are graciously and compassionately inviting them into God's kingdom through repentance. We should follow Jesus so closely as he redraws the lines of the kingdom that the self-righteous think that we are redrawing the lines of morality. Jesus's table fellowship with sinners looked suspicious from the outside, but those who were there knew that kingdom activity was going on. Those intent on purity and cleanness, who live with an us-versus-them mentality, should think that we are drunkards and gluttons! But the broken sinners should know that we are people of grace and compassion.

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