



## **2. "The Lord's Table"**

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### **Sermon Notes**

## **The Lord's Table is WHERE WE PRACTICE PRESENCE THROUGH MUTUAL SUBMISSION, RECONCILIATION, AND DISCERNMENT**

*"Faithful presence names the reality that God is present in the world and that he uses a people faithful to his presence to make himself concrete and real amid the world's struggles and pain." - David Fitch*

### **I. John 13:21-38**

<sup>21</sup> After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me." ... <sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

## **In the Church, the Lord's Table SHOULD REPRESENT THE FULLNESS OF AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIP**

*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:2-3*

### **II. Mark 6:30-34**

<sup>32</sup> So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.  
<sup>33</sup> But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

## **In the Neighborhood, the Lord's Table INVITES NEIGHBORS**

### **TO EXPERIENCE FAITHFUL PRESENCE WITH US**

*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22:37-39*

### **III. Luke 10:1-11**

<sup>3</sup> Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup> Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. <sup>5</sup> "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' <sup>6</sup> If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. <sup>8</sup> "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you.

## **In the World, the Lord's Table IS DISPLAYED WHEN WE**

### **VULNERABLY RECEIVE THE HOSPITALITY OF OUTSIDERS**

*When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."<sup>6</sup> So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.<sup>7</sup> All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." Luke 19:5-7*