



Pastor Hanke's Blog

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Table Talk

Bible reference: Luke 24:36-49

There is a stark contrast in my life when it comes to table talk. During the day, some of my most important meetings are around a table. I have had many amazing conversations around broken bread or broiled fish, so to speak. My community connections have often started around a lunch table, or at least coffee table, for that matter. My body slows down as I sit, eat, and listen, but my mind is active as I'm praying that the Lord would lead this conversation & connection, and others that may come from it. The contrast comes at night when I'm home with my family. We generally sit down for dinner around 6:00pm. Within minutes of the food hitting the table, the kids are off to the races. I try and remember this concept of table talk and work to connect with them, but sometimes it is too hard to control the madness.

Our Gospel lesson from Luke helps me think about table talk. It reminds me of the power of a meal and taking time to listen to one another. The passage takes place after the resurrection when Jesus appears to the disciples. They are still feeling so overwhelmed by everything that has happened and not sure what to do next. When Jesus appears to them that day, they don't know how to process it. So what does Jesus do? He asks for something to eat. Not what we might expect, but Jesus wants to show them He is still human. He also wants to convey to His disciples that He is going to take time to hash this out with them—table talk. Jesus goes on to explain things to them & reassure them.

One of the most powerful moments for you to develop relationships in this social media world is to have table talk. Whether it is with your family, friends, or new people in your life, table talk can change any relationship. Too often we hurry through these moments. This weekend I pray our eyes are open to see the power of the table talk Jesus had with the disciples, and what we can learn from it.

God's Peace,
Pastor Will