

# THE TABLE

LEARN TO HAVE  
A CONVERSATION AGAIN.

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# THE NEW NORMAL:

We talk to be understood rather than listen to understand.

# THE NEW NORMAL:

We talk to coerce people rather than to connect with people.

# THE NEW NORMAL:

We prefer monologue  
rather than dialogue.

# THE NEW NORMAL:

We talk to make a point  
rather than make a difference.

# THE NEW NORMAL:

It is becoming less and less likely for us to talk to people who disagree with us, whether online or face to face.

# THE NEW NORMAL:

Today we not only disagree with one another, we seem to dislike one another simply because we disagree with one another.

Have your disagreements  
with certain people caused you to  
dislike those people?



The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.'

**Matthew 11:19 NIV**

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth.

**Matthew 9:9 NIV**

**“Follow** me,” he told him, and  
Matthew got up and followed him.

**Matthew 9:9 NIV**

While Jesus was having dinner at **Matthew's** house, many **tax collectors and sinners** came and ate with him and his disciples.

**Matthew 9:10 NIV**

When the Pharisees **saw** this, they asked his disciples, “**Why** does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

**Matthew 9:11 NIV**

On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the **sick**.”

**Matthew 9:12 NIV**

Self-righteous people not only think they are right but think they are better than those they think are wrong.

But **go and learn** what this means:  
'I desire **mercy**, not sacrifice.'

**Matthew 9:13 NIV**



But go and learn what this means:  
'I desire *steadfast love*,  
not sacrifice.'

**Matthew 9:13**

**When you misread the Bible you  
will inevitably mistreat people.**

But go and learn what this means:  
'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I  
have not come to call the  
righteous, but **sinners.**"

**Matthew 9:13 NIV**

Some of us spend our life  
avoiding the very people  
Jesus gave his life for.

Then John's disciples came and asked him, "How is it that we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not **fast**?"

**Matthew 9:14 NIV**

Jesus answered, “How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast.

**Matthew 9:15 NIV**

“No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an **old** garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse.

**Matthew 9:16 NIV**

Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour **new** wine into **new** wineskins, and both are preserved.”

**Matthew 9:17 NIV**



Jesus invited people to his  
table not to reform them  
but to love them.

Being like Jesus begins and  
ends with loving like Jesus.

How can we convince anyone we are for them when we are not willing to be with them?