



Meals with Jesus 4 : Pushed

1. Go back and read both stories aloud - Luke 7:36-50 and Matthew 26:6-13.

What is the primary issue for the Pharisees?

What is the primary issue for the disciples?

Which of these do you relate most with? Or maybe we could ask it this way: In which “Simon’s house” might you have been personally offended? Why?

What “boundary” issues did the pharisees/disciples have that are still present in the church today?

2. What’s the most radical Christian ministry you have even heard of? (As an example, In Lodi, there is a church that holds a ministry discussing theology in a bar/cigar club).

What is your first thought about this ministry? Why? What opposing argument might someone make about this ministry?

3. Is there a group of people, a place, or a problem, in our community or in society at-large, that Christians tend to avoid? Why?

4. We recognize that not all boundaries are bad—In fact many are necessary— but especially when it comes to ministry sometimes Jesus wants to expand our boundaries a bit. So... What is your own “line?” Is there a boundary you once had that is now not as defined as before? Is there a boundary that Jesus is pushing you on?

5. As always, end by spending some time in prayer together. Pray that we would all have the courage and humility to allow Jesus to stretch us and push us, and that the result would be the expansion of His Kingdom!