

OTHERS

the CAUSE

READ LUKE 10:1-9

“When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you.” (v8)

How good is it that God created us with an appetite! For every culture in the world, at every point in history, meal times are often related to a time of spending time with others. As we look at the life of Jesus often we see him sharing a meal with others, using this time to discuss life issues. In a way it's no different for us today, although in our 'coffee-culture' we are more often found discussing the meaning of life whilst sipping a latte!

The point is – we are made to be in relationship with God and in relationship with others.

Who are these others? They are everyone around us. People who know God, people who don't know God. People who go to church, people who don't. Every single person on this earth has been created in God's image, even if they don't yet know it.

When Jesus appointed the seventy-two He sent them ahead of him – they were to prepare the way for Him so to speak - to tell others of who Jesus was and His purpose in coming. As recorded in Luke 10:1-8 Jesus asks them to go into communities and form relationships with people. Spend time with people, get to know them, share a meal with them... in essence, share life with them.

As Jesus sent out the seventy-two to 'others' so He sends us out today. He wants us to be intentional about building purposeful relationships, not just acquaintances.

REFLECTION

- What do you think Jesus means when he asks us to enter a town and, if you are welcomed, 'eat what is set before you'?
- Think of the people around you, how many of them don't yet know Jesus? Write their names down. Begin to pray for their salvation.
- How can you intentionally build relationships with people in your community?
- What will you do in this coming week to intentionally share life with 'others' who don't know Christ?