



 **The
Table**
Wisdomfest 2022







... and there's room for more.

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Luke 15:1-2

Those who were using this label **did not** see themselves as sinners also.

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“And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner ...”

Luke 7:37

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He DID know! And that’s exactly why
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“My son was lost—(and he was willing to admit it)—and now he’s found!” (24)

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- “Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command” (29)

We still believe that our seat at the table is won in part **due to our relative goodness.**

“Can Muslims really be saved?”



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Entrance isn't based on what you've done but how you come.





“This is a secret that has been revealed, the ‘roots of history’ are in this book and have been hidden all this time, we are forbidden to find out the story of the previous prophets, I wonder why we are forbidden to find out. Why is it covered? But I want to know the history more deeply.”

What **disconnects** us from the sinners, the lost, the self-righteous?

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7. Indifference - “a people **ignored**”

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“I gather just this, that Christ anywhere, even in his highest glory, still wishes us to regard Him as **a sacrifice for sin.**”

Charles Spurgeon

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away
the sin of the world!”

John 1:29

- I am the sinner!

Your **sin** on me.

My **blood** on you.

You're welcome at my table.

Only **believe**.

“Come—eat with me. Whoever you may be.
Believe in me. Find your home, your safety,
your forgiveness, your rest in me.”

There is a **direct connection** between what is happening at our meals, our homes, our connections—and who will be at that marriage supper with the Lamb.

What would happen if each person at NHC was dubbed “a friend of **reprobates** and **sinner**”?

- Who is the person near me that Jesus would be inviting/welcoming, but I'm not? Am I "in my own universe," or am I inviting others into my community?
- Which of the disconnects most resonates with my current experience? What truth about the Host do I need to most reflect on to re-warm my heart for those around me?