

A Feast Fit for a King

World Hunger Campaign 2011



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"I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom." (Luke 22:29-30a)

What would it look like if we invited Jesus over for dinner? Would our tables be laid out with a lavish spread of food, breads, desserts, and wine? That's the way we would usually welcome an honored guest, but Jesus isn't "usual" in any way.

Jesus is our King. Yet while he was on earth, he often showed that his royalty was not about wealth. He cared for all people — rich and poor — and often dined with others at meals that were simple, where the focus was not about eating gourmet delicacies but about making sure that all were welcome, included, and satisfied.

Jesus cared enough about the rich to challenge them. He cared enough about the poor to empower them. These two different ways of caring were how Jesus invited all to the same feast.

As heirs to God's kingdom, we are challenged to shape our lives to be like Jesus Christ. Our calling is to proclaim Jesus' lordship and share the Kingdom message with everyone. That includes doing justice so others can have their fair share. It includes loving mercy and sharing from our abundance so others can be satisfied. And it means walking humbly with God so that he can strengthen our work.

A feast for all — that's God's vision. And that's why CRWRC is working in numerous places around the world to improve food security, introduce conservation farming, teach people to breed fish, and much more. Through your support of CRWRC's 2011 World Hunger Campaign, communities in Malawi, India, Cambodia, Mozambique, Uganda, and other places are better able to meet their daily needs and celebrate God's blessings by sharing "feasts" of their own.

There is still a lot of work to be done. There are things each of us can do to play a role in ending hunger. Perhaps we can eat a little less so that we can share more with those in need. Maybe we can use our voices to speak up against unjust policies. Maybe we can really get our hands dirty by sharing God's Kingdom feast with others.

But, we can't do it in our own strength. Through God's Grace and the work of the Holy Spirit, we can work each day to celebrate the Kingdom feast in ways that please God, until the day we celebrate "the wedding supper of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:9a).



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