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Introduction:

This week Matt continues a new series called '**A Seat at the Table**' with '**Part 6**'. What is the table and who gets a seat? If the church is the table where people come to be fed, who is this table for?

This week we start looking at the table as a whole, with all of the chairs. Matt talked about a question 'What makes a healthy table (church)?' How do you define healthy? We'll answer that question by looking at the Biblical perspective for the local church.

Questions:

1. Why is it important for you as a Christian to live a life worthy of your calling? What is the phenomenal calling you have received from God? What does it look like for Him to have His way in your life? **Ephesians 4:1**
2. What is the one focus, the one vision, the one purpose that we have at Grace Community Church? What is it all about for us as a church? **Ephesians 4:2-6**
3. What is it that makes a healthy table (church)? How could the local church harness the collective power of all its people like what is happening with AI (artificial intelligence) to serve God and build up the body of the church? **Ephesians 4:11-16**
4. What is a healthy table filled with? If there are two types of people in the church, which one of them helps to make it a healthy table? What's the difference between the two types of people, what do they each say when they come to the table? **1 Peter 4:10**

5. How can prioritizing your time help you to fulfill the calling you have from God? If you want to be a contributor at the table, what problem does it cause if you have 'alligator arms'? What's the difference between a Christian catering service & a Christian distribution center? **Mark 10:45**
6. Why is it important that a healthy table has a laser focus? What could be the value of having a limited ministry platform? What impact could those unlimited opportunities have on the quality of our ministry and increase the effectiveness?
7. What are the four things in our ministry platform that we are focused on here at Grace Community Church? How do those four things support our mission statement? Are you ready to surrender and join in serving others through those ministries? How can those ministries equip and empower God's people?

Key takeaway:

As you look at your life, are you a consumer or a contributor? As you go through this next week, look for opportunities to serve other people as a contributor, and see what God does through you.

Summary:

- We have been left here to make a difference in the world, so we need to lead a life worthy of that calling
- We have: One focus, One vision, One purpose it's all about Jesus here at Grace Community Church
- A healthy table (church) is: one that grows and builds itself up as each part does its work; there are 5 pillars of a healthy table
- #1 A healthy table is filled with contributors, there are 2 types of people in the church consumers & contributors
- Contributors are looking for ways to serve others
- #2 A healthy table has a laser focus- a limited ministry platform, enables unlimited ministry opportunities
- The 4 things we are focused on are: Teaching, Worship, Small Groups & Serving-ministry