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Introduction:

This week Matt begins a new series called '**A Seat at the Table**' with 'Part 1'. What is the table and who gets a seat? If the church is the ultimate table, who is it for?

What is the great challenge of the church that we also face at Grace? What's the problem with feeding people who are already full? How can we balance the multiple groups of people who need to be fed at the table?

Questions:

1. What is the command (not a request) from Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20? What does it mean for you to 'GO'? How can you go about making 'disciples'?
Matthew 28:19-20
2. Do you agree with Matt that 'the church is a table where people come to get fed'? What is the 'ultimate bread' that is served at this table? **John 6:35**
3. If the challenge of the church is to build believers and serve seekers, what's the problem with focusing on feeding the already fed (the believers)? Then who are the seekers (those who haven't been fed)?
4. As you think about the mission statement of Grace Community Church, what's the importance of the Invitation/Preparation/Presentation? How do those three (3) things help us to achieve that mission with the presentation of the ultimate bread? **John 4:34; Matthew 20:28**
5. What is the importance of the three (3) chairs that Matt talked about in the message? Which chair are you sitting in at the table? Do we have all three of

those chairs filled at Grace? What does a healthy church look like? Who might be missing from those chairs?

6. What is the tension that Matt said should always exist in the church? Why is that tension healthy for a church like Grace? How can the process of building believers help with the job of serving seekers? As a believer, are you serving seekers? **John 21:17**
7. If Jesus commands us to 'go and make disciples', what part can you play at this table called Grace Community Church? How can you help us with the mission to 'Honor God by reaching people, with the good news of Jesus Christ and teaching them to become fully devoted followers of Him'? Who do you know that needs to be invited to the table? **Matthew 28:19-20**

Key takeaway:

Go out and invite people to the table, make sure every seat is filled, and then sit back and watch in awe & amazement as God steps in and does something miraculous in our midst. Are you ready for All Outreach in 2026?

Summary:

- How do you respond to the command from Jesus to 'GO'?
- The church is a table where people come to get fed
- The challenge of the church is to build believers and serve seekers
- Invitation, preparation, presentation = We're here, to honor God by reaching people with the Good News of Jesus Christ and teaching them to become followers of Him
- 3 chairs - 1 for mature believers, 1 for new believers, 1 for seekers
- Tension between serving believers & serving seekers
- Jesus said to 'Go and make disciples', what part are you playing at this table called Grace?