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* Why do we always celebrate with food? What is it about having a meal together that is so important for these occasions?

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* What is in the mind of the apostle Paul when he writes to the Christians in Corinth, ‘For Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed’ (1 Cor 5:7)?
* Why was Jesus eager to have this meal with his disciples when he said, ‘I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer’ (Luke 22:15)?
* What was the response of the disciples to the emotional ‘weight’ of all that Jesus was sharing (about all that was going to happen to him) v23/24?
* Pre-occupied with their own self importance (who was the greatest) provides another ‘acted out’ teaching opportunity for Jesus about the values of the Kingdom. Read John 13:2-5, 14-17 and Luke 22:25-27, Mark 10:45
* What do you think of the statement: **‘We are never more like Christ than when we are serving others’?**

Read Galatians 6:9,10 ‘As we have opportunity..’ What opportunity has God given you today, this week, this month to serve another?

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