

**COME TO THE  
TABLE**

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**Session 9:  
Tolerant**

# OVERVIEW

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- 8 characteristics of Jesus that are important to discern and exemplify in this moment
- Jesus shows us how to be at the same time...
  1. Gentle and lowly
  2. Honest
  3. Relational
  4. Meek
  5. Authority
  6. Submissive
  7. Patient
  8. Tolerant

# TOLERANCE V. RELATIVISM

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Tolerance: a. lovingly acceptance of those whose opinions, beliefs, and practices differ from our own; b. the degree of endurance that we possess.

Relativism: Truth exists in relation to context and perception, therefore, cannot be absolute.

# 3 CONVERSATIONS

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- The Rich Young Ruler

*~Matthew 19, Mark 10, Luke 18*

- Nicodemus *~John 3 (John 7 & 19)*

- The Samaritan Woman *~John 4*

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- Curiosity
- Empathy
- Discernment

# HONESTY

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- Without honesty, tolerance is a Gospel bait and switch
- Often leads to suffering and suffering requires endurance
- Confidence that the truth is good and will prevail

# RELATIONAL

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- Invest in relationships for the long haul
- Genuine acceptance and love
- Faithful, non-anxious presence
- Celebrate all goodness
- *Imago Die*

# TRAPS FOR FOLLOWERS

- Tolerance equals weakness
- Holy Spirit strength is insufficient
- Differences always equal danger
- Acceptance equals approval