



# Mission Sunday

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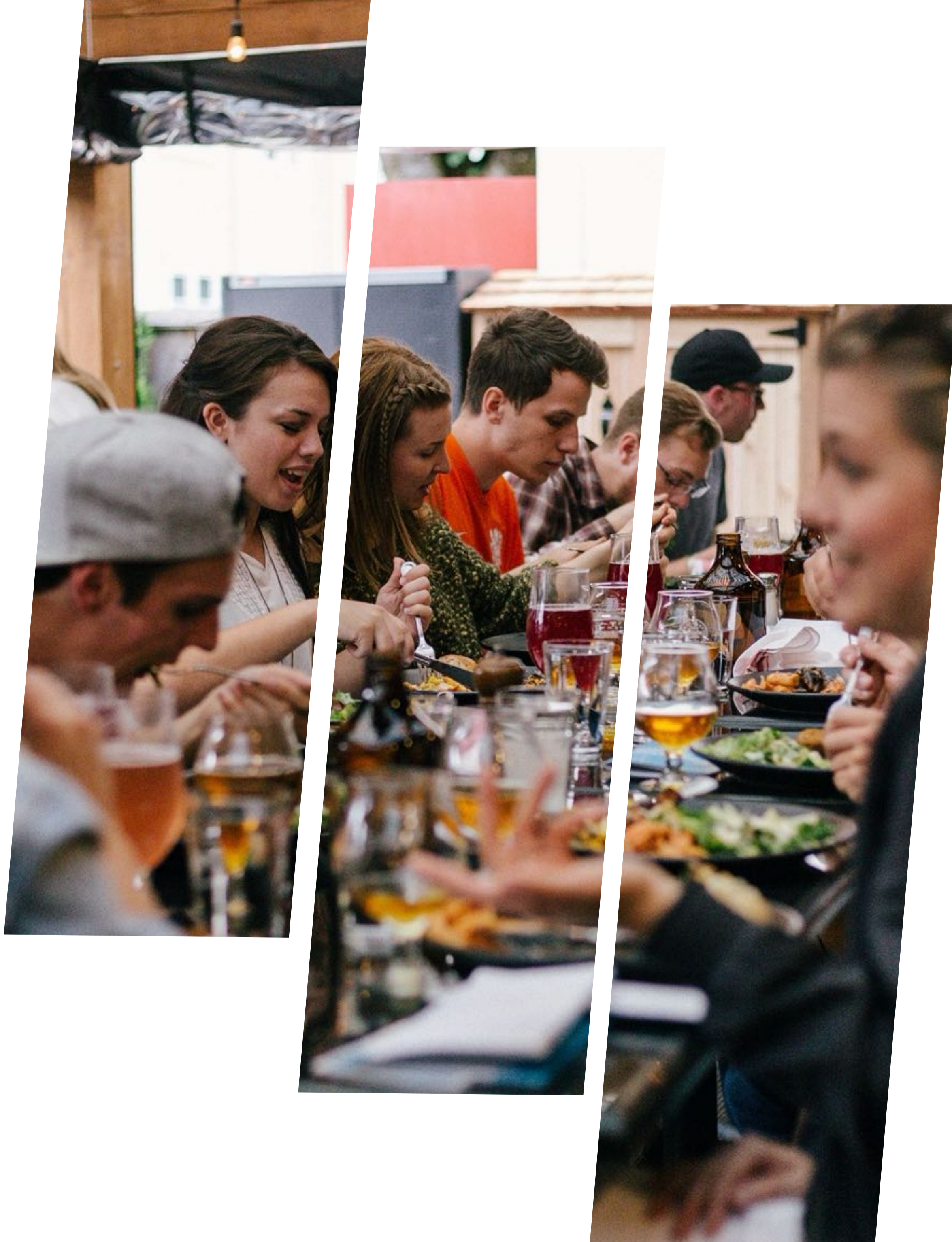
**Sunday 8  
March**



*Step out!*

**An evening of worship, challenge & information  
about short-term mission opportunities.**

**Sun 8 Mar, 6:30—8:45pm, Kennet Valley Free Church**



# 2020 WIG: WELCOME

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Luke 15:1—7

Argyle Spring 2020 Preaching  
Series: New Vision and Values

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# Wildly Important Goal

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## From the Whirlwind to the Wildly Important Goal (WIG)

- The 'whirlwind' of day to day church ministry can suck in our energy & prevents us putting time & effort into an important goal.
- The WIG focuses effort on one goal that will make all the difference, instead of giving mediocre effort to many goals.

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## WHAT DO WE MEAN BY WELCOME?

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Ensuring that newcomers are welcomed appropriately... so they feel accepted, included and valued and becoming flourishing fully-engaged members.



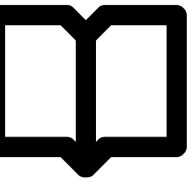
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# WELCOME PROCESS

We want to grow in our ability to welcome people to Argyle



# JESUS WELCOMED

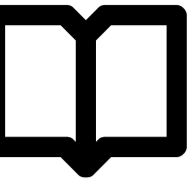


Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man **welcomes sinners** and eats with them.”

Then Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’”

**Luke 15:1—6**

# JESUS WELCOMED



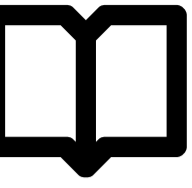
**6** So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

**10** When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, **11** but the crowds learned about it and followed him. **He welcomed them** and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

**Luke 9:6, 10-12**



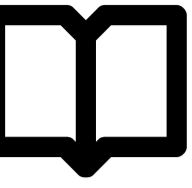
# JESUS WELCOMED



When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. **I must stay at your house today.**” So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

Luke 19:5-6

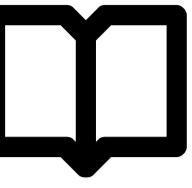
# THE EARLY CHURCH WELCOMED



When [Paul and Barnabas] came to Jerusalem, **they were welcomed by the church** and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them.

Acts 15:4

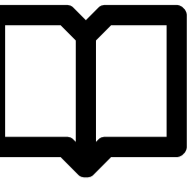
## THE EARLY CHURCH WELCOMED



As you know, it was because of an illness that I first preached the gospel to you, and even though my illness was a trial to you, you did not treat me with contempt or scorn. Instead, **you welcomed me** as if I were an angel of God, as if I were Christ Jesus himself.

Galatians 4:13-14

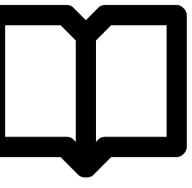
# GOD'S PEOPLE ARE TO WELCOME



The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. **Love them as yourself,** for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19:34

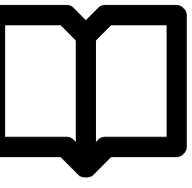
**WE ARE EXORTED TO WELCOME**



**Offer hospitality** to one another without grumbling.

1 Peter 4:9

# WE ARE EXORTED TO WELCOME



**Accept\* one another,** then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Romans 15:7

\*Greek προσλαμβάνω = to receive or welcome someone

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# THE MOTIVATION

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As we've been welcomed by God,  
so we must welcome others.

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# THE WARNING

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Don't show favouritism





My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

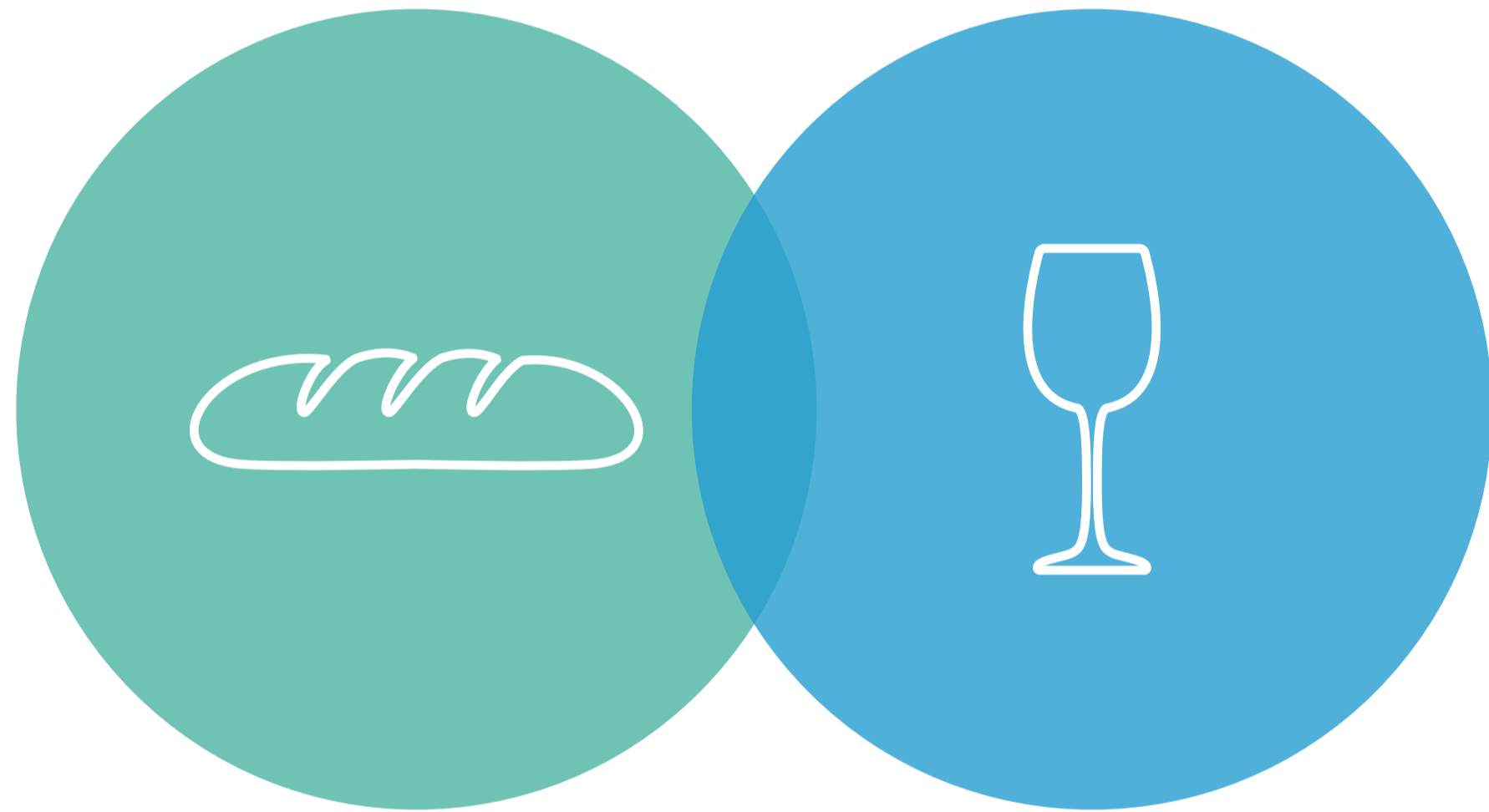
**James 2:1-4**

# WELCOME IS...



# THE LORD'S SUPPER

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**A table of welcome!**