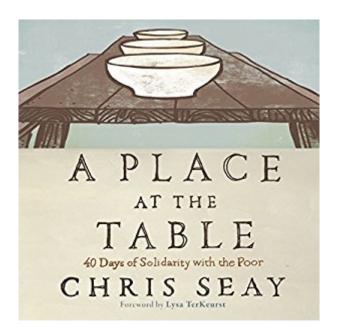
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A Place At The Table: 40 Days Of Solidarity With The Poor





Synopsis

In a culture built on consumption - especially of food - it is easy to forget the poor that Jesus cared so much about. We get caught up in acquiring, buying, eating. Yet paradoxically, the more stuff we consume, the more our spirits wither and starve. A Place at the Table invites you on a journey of self-examination, discipline, and renewed focus on Jesus that will change your life forever. Author Chris Seay is giving you a challenge: eat and drink like the poor for 40 days and donate the money you save on groceries to a charity or project that serves the poor in concrete ways. But Chris doesn't expect you to go it alone. A Place at the Table includes a short chapter for each of those 40 days with Scripture, reflections, prayers, and encouragement. You'll even get tips for engaging your whole family in the process. To download free resources and connect with others on the journey, visit www.chrisseay.net.

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If you want to start a fight, talk about money. Many pastors avoid the subject altogether - despite the fact that Jesus spoke more about money then anyone else. For others, its all they can talk about. They equate an abundance of possessions with faith. But, the bible cannot be reduced to such simplistic positions. It maintains a nuanced position that neither condemns wealth or poverty nor exalts them. They are both opportunities to display the goodness and kindness of God. Yet, that does not mean that we ought to have no concern for the poor. It's just the opposite. The Prophets regularly condemned Israel for their neglect of the poor, the widowed and the orphaned. James

1.26-27 considers the care for widows and orphans to be "true religion". Chris Seay is the pastor of Ecclesia - a church in Houston, Texas. A Place at the Table is a forty day journey towards solidarity with the poor. He considers such a journey to be a type of Jesus' forty days of fasting. It was a lonely, desolate and hungry time. I think he overlooks the greater typology of Jesus as the new Moses and Adam. But, his goal in this forty day journey is that we might become more like Christ in the process. I can get on board with that. Each chapter is another day in the journey. He connects our journey through this life to Biblical events like the flood and the wilderness wanderings. Seay also wants to inform us of the many needs represented across the globe and the many ways our communities and our churches can mobilize to meet those needs in the name of Christ. This book is less of an academic exercise and more of a journey. Seay intends for us connect with the heart of God to care for the poor and become more like Jesus in our kindness, selflessness, generosity and service.

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