

## DS9006W Table Spirituality: Hospitality, Community and Mission

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**Offered:** 2018: Semester 1

In this unit students will explore the significance of the shared meal to the Christian experience of faith. Drawing upon perspectives of theology, biblical studies, missiology, sociology and psychology, we will consider the central role eating together plays in the Christian tradition of hospitality, the nature of Christian community, and as metaphor and method in the mission of the church. Throughout, participants will be encouraged to consider the daily routines, rituals and rites of passage celebrated at the table as rich resources for spiritual formation, both individually and corporately.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. analyse the relevant biblical, historical, and contemporary perspectives on a ritual of daily life;
2. critique dominant patterns of social and familial interaction, expressions of community, and cultural norms and practices;
3. evaluate ways in which daily routines, rituals and rites of passage can be celebrated at the table as rich resources for spiritual formation; and
4. construct an informed theology of the table.

**Prerequisites:** 30 points

**Class Time:** Three hours per week

<b>Assessment:</b>	Reflection/tutorial presentation (1,500 words)	(20%)
	Critical review of film (1,500 words each)	(20%)
	Essay (3,000 words)	(60%)

**Faculty:** Simon Holt

### Recommended Reading:

\* = set texts recommended for purchase

Ayres, Jennifer R. *Good Food: Grounded Practical Theology*. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2013.  
Brahanson, Fred. *Soil and Sacrament: A Spiritual Memoir of Food and Faith*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2013.  
Brasher-Cunningham, Milton. *Keeping the feast: Metaphors for the Meal*. New York: Moorehouse, 2012.  
Byrne, Brendan. *The Hospitality of God: A Reading of Luke's Gospel*. Strathfield: St Paul's, 2000  
Capon, Robert F. *The Supper of the Lamb*. New York: Doubleday, 1969  
Juengst, Sara C. *Breaking Bread: The Spiritual Significance of Food*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1992  
Jung, L. Shannon. *Food for Life: The Spirituality and Ethics of Eating*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2004  
Karris, Robert J. *Eating Your Way through Luke's Gospel*. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2006  
Koenig, John. *Soul Banquets: How Meals become Mission in the Local Congregation*. Harrisburg: Morehouse Publishing, 2007  
Luard, Elizabeth. *Sacred Food: Cooking for Spiritual Nourishment*. London: MQ Publications, 2001  
Miles, Sara. *Take this Bread: A Radical Conversion*. New York: Ballantine, 2007  
Pohl, Christine D. *Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999  
Wirzba, Norman. *Food and faith: A theology of Eating*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011.