

“The *Refrigerium*: Dining with the Dead”
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1. Snyder talks about the near universal practice of eating a meal to commemorate the loss of a loved one. When there is a funeral in your community or family, where does food fit in?
2. How does food or a meal help us remember the life and mission of Jesus? What are the particular customs involved in preparing communion bread in your congregation? What do you remember about this practice from your childhood?
3. Food is a source of life. When you walk through cemeteries, what kinds of remembrances of lives do you see that have been placed on graves? Do any of them have to do with food?
4. Snyder talks about ancient sarcophagi that contained a receptacle for food for the dead. Is there any sense today in which we continue to nourish loved ones who have died? Why or why not? In what ways do they continue to nourish us?