



WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

Bringing them to the Table June 23rd / June 24th

Speaker: **Dr. Dick Foth**

Scripture: **Luke 14:15-24**

Sermon Summary:

We are moving towards a day when we will all sit around the great table of God. How do our tables compare? And how can our tables become an environment in which relationships can begin and conversations can start to move people from our table to His?

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What did God reveal to you?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. What is one element of God's character you learned?

Sermon Specific Questions:

1. 7.6 billion people have eating in groups in common. Have you ever thought about eating as a simple common ground? Who do you need to share your table with?
2. An invitation to the table says, "Step into my life" and "Won't you be my neighbor?" When did you last give an invitation to someone to join you at the table?
3. If cooking isn't a skill of yours, what can you do creatively to still gather around a table?
4. All of us are valued today. Who do you need to thank for making a difference in your life and who can you show value to today and make a difference in their life?

Activate Challenge

Share A Meal with a Neighbor:

Something unique and significant happens around the table. So, this week, challenge your group members to grab a meal with a neighbor – no agenda, no overthinking, just good food and good conversation. Here are a few more ideas to get started:

- Invite a coworker to coffee or lunch
- Invite a neighbor over for a dinner
- Hang on your front porch with a glass of sweet tea
- Hang out on your apartment's rooftop
- Grill out at the local park with some
- Grab a meal with teammates after a kid's sporting event
- Plan a progressive dinner
- Meet up with neighbors at a happy hour

Series Rewind – TABLES (Summer 2017):

Last summer, our small groups all focused on gathering around the table. However, we resourced each small group leader with TABLES conversation cards. These cards presented a topic and four intentionally, seemingly random, related questions. When bringing people to the table, **you must have something to say**, to engage and break the awkwardness. If you have the cards, pull them out this week. Otherwise, visit our [NCC Small Group Leaders](#) Facebook group to find the online versions of the cards.

HELP! I Can't Cook:

Cooking not your specialty, but willing to try something? Check out these awesome recipes websites below:

Tasty

<https://tasty.co>

America's Test Kitchen

<https://www.americastestkitchen.com>

If all else fails, call for a potluck and cook frozen lasagna. **WARNING:** You must put lasagna in the oven BEFORE serving at dinner.

RESOURCES

BOOK: **Reconcile**
John Paul Lederach

BOOK: **A Bigger Table**
John Pavlovitz