



LOCATING YOUR “GUEST TABLE”

Peace of Christ Community Church

THE THREE TABLES

We occupy three spaces: the Lord's Table, the Home Table, and the Guest Table. The Lord's Table is where committed Christians gather around Christ's table to seek the presence of Jesus in worship. The Home Table is where committed Christians gather in their homes to seek the presence of Jesus in one another's lives and be discipled. The Guest Table is where committed Christians gather as guests at others' tables to seek and proclaim the presence of Jesus in the world.

We've found that it is sometimes difficult for us to locate the Guest Table in our lives.

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Here are four ways to narrow-in on a possible Guest Table.

Trace your RHYTHMS. | Discover your GIFTS. | Identify your GUEST posture. | Name your TEAM.

I. RHYTHMS

Trace the steps of your week.

What places do you regularly frequent that are inexpensive, accessible, and occupied by people?

Here are some common spaces that could fit the description:

- Bar or Restaurant
- Barber/Salon
- City Hall
- Club
- Coffee Shop
- Common Closet
- Community Center
- Community Event
- Coworking
- Food Pantry

- Gaming Group
- Gym
- Happy Hour
- Homeless Shelter
- Hospital
- Immigrant Legal Services
- Library
- Low Income Housing
- Mall
- Market
- Neighborhood
- Neighbors' Homes
- Parks/Outdoors
- Prison
- Recreation Center
- Safe Families
- School
- Senior Center
- Shopping Center
- Smoking Lounge
- Sports Club
- Street
- Town Meeting
- Workplace
- YMCA
- Other

Mark 2:15

And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed him.

Luke 2:46-47

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

John 4:6

Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

Matthew 8:14-15

When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever; he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him

Luke 4:16

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read...

Luke 14:1

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

II. GIFTS

Discover and develop your gifts & strengths.

What spiritual gifts do you bring to this place?

- Administration
- Apostle
- Discernment
- Evangelist
- Exhortation
- Faith
- Giving
- Healings
- Helps
- Knowledge
- Languages
- Leadership
- Mercy
- Miracles
- Pastor
- Prophecy
- Serving
- Teaching
- Wisdom
- Other

Acts 14:3

So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

Romans 12:6–8

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

1 Peter 4:10–11

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

III. GUEST POSTURE

Identify your humble posture.

How might you enter as a guest—a recipient of hospitality, invited into a place that is not your own?

Luke 10:4-12

Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

Mark 2:13-17

He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of[a] the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Luke 19:5-10

And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 24:28-32

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each

other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

1 Corinthians 2:3-5

And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

IV. TEAMMATES

Name your co-workers.

Who will go with you into these places?

Mark 6:7-9

And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.

Luke 10:1-4

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.

Acts 13:1-3

Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

Acts 15:39b-41

Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Acts 16:1-3a

Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. 2 He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him..."

V. COMMITMENT

My Guest Table is in _____, where I
am a guest as a _____
along with _____, and use my gifts
of _____ to open up space for the
Kingdom. I commit to locate myself in this space regularly as a faithful presence
witnessing to the Kingdom of Jesus.

VI. TAKE A STEP

What are your next faithful steps? What are three ideas to help you implement
your vision?