

Get Real

2. Real Friends

BLESS Training: April 25, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. We are God's primary plan for sharing the life-changing message of Jesus with the people around us - there is no plan B! But sometimes it can be hard to know where to begin. This interactive training will give you tools that help you connect your faith to the people and places you see every day. Very fun to attend as a group! **Info/registration:** table.org/bless

Table Talk (1/3 of meeting)

- Icebreaker: What's a subject you always love talking about?
- What are you thankful for? What's stressing you out?
- Share anything from your time with God this week in Scripture or prayer (big or small). OR how do you want to connect with God this week?
- Spend time worshipping God in gratitude, taking turns completing the sentence "Thank You, God, for _____." Have someone close by asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts.

Discussion Guidelines

1. Everyone shares in sentences, not paragraphs.
2. Focus only on what this passage is saying. (This keeps everyone on the same page)
3. Share from your perspective – we won't argue or give advice.
4. Give everyone time to respond. Silence is OK.
5. The facilitator will facilitate discussion, not teach.

Discover what God is saying to you. (1/3 of meeting)

Big Idea: Every disciple discovers how to become like Jesus around Tables with others.

Read [Matthew 9:9-13](#)

- What got your attention in this story?
- Place yourself in Matthew's shoes.
 - How do you think he felt to be invited to follow a well-known teacher like Jesus?
 - What do we learn from Matthew's response?
- Put yourself in the Pharisees' position. What were they afraid of?
- Share a time when a friendship changed you (for better or worse).
- What barriers do you face in pursuing friendships?

Go do it. (1/3 of meeting)

- What step do you feel God prompting you to take this week? (Make an "I Will" Statement)
- Plan a party or fun social to invite people... this is great practice!
- **Pray for the Guest List.** Make/update a list of names for those you want to invite and pray for them.