

# The Jesus Stuff

## 4. People Over Systems

### [Hi Neighbor: May 31-Sept 7.](#)

This summer, we are turning outward to join Jesus on mission by simply being available to our neighbors. Sometimes a simple conversation or invitation can open the door to deeper conversations about life, faith, and hope. Consider how you can collaborate as a group! **Info and Resources:** [table.org/hi](http://table.org/hi)

### **Table Talk** (1/3 of meeting)

- Icebreaker: Rank how awesome you are at yard games, 1-10. (corn hole, bocci, etc)
- **High/ Low/ Buffalo.** Share something from your week that was good, bad, or weird.
- **Hi Neighbor Check-in.** Who do you know casually that you'd like to connect with this summer? OR what barriers are you facing in connecting with others?
- Spend time worshipping God through song. Recommended: [Send Me by Bethel Music.](#)

### **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: Prioritize People*

### **Read Mark 3:1-6 NLT (Tip: read it twice in two translations, like NLT or NIV)**

- What surprises you in this passage?
- The 10 Commandments say to keep the Sabbath holy- something the Pharisees took seriously. What do we learn from Jesus' confrontation with them?
- Are you someone who is more "black and white" with rule following, or do you tend to look for the reason beneath the rule? Where has that gotten you into trouble?
- When has focusing on being right kept you from "seeing" the person in front of you?
- Share a time when someone made you a priority, even when it wasn't convenient.

### **Go do it.** (1/3 of meeting)

- Jesus looked at the Pharisees with "anger and distress" because of their hardened hearts (v. 5). Take a moment to pause and ask God, "where am I hard hearted?"
- Where do you sense God calling you to change? What's a step you can take to do that?
- **Have someone read the closing prayer:** *"Lord, break our hearts for what breaks Yours. Forgive us for the times we value our comfort over people's pain. Give us the courage to go into uncomfortable places this week, to see the invisible, and to love the least, no matter what it costs us. Amen."*