

1,000 TABLES

A Challenge to Open Our Lives & Our Tables

1,000 tables. 1,000 opportunities to love our neighbors, build community, and point people toward Jesus.

**“Do not forget to do good and to share with those in need, for such sacrifices are very pleasing to God.” —
Hebrews 13:16**

The Vision

Some of the most important spiritual conversations happen around ordinary tables. Jesus regularly shared meals, crossed social boundaries, and made room for people who were overlooked, rejected, or different from Him.

The 1,000 Tables Challenge is a simple invitation for Living Hope Church to open our tables, open our homes, and open our lives to the people God has placed around us.

Our Goal

Together, we will create 1,000 shared-table experiences—meals, coffee, conversations, gatherings, and ordinary moments where relationships can grow and people can experience the hope of Jesus.

What Counts as a Table?

A table does not have to be fancy. It simply needs to create space for people to connect.

- Dinner with a neighbor
- Coffee on the porch
- Pizza and games with another family
- Breakfast with a coworker
- A backyard cookout
- A picnic at the park
- Dessert or coffee with a neighbor
- Lunch with someone from work or school
- A meal with someone new at Living Hope
- A small group meal that intentionally welcomes someone new
- Takeout shared around a table
- Inviting another family into your home

The goal isn't a perfect table. The goal is a meaningful relationship.

Who Could You Invite?

- A neighbor you don't know well
- A coworker or classmate
- Someone from your church family
- Someone who is new or disconnected
- Someone from a different generation or background
- A single person or someone who may feel isolated
- Someone who doesn't yet follow Jesus
- Someone you have been meaning to reconnect with

The 5-Step Challenge

1. PRAY — Ask God to show you who He has already placed around you. Pray for an open heart and an opportunity to build a genuine relationship.

2. INVITE — Choose one person, family, neighbor, coworker, or friend and invite them to share a meal or a simple moment together.

3. PREPARE — Don't worry about impressing anyone. Prepare a simple meal, grab takeout, make coffee, or meet somewhere easy.

4. GATHER — Put your phones down, listen well, ask questions, laugh, eat, and be present. Make room for a real conversation.

5. FOLLOW UP — Don't let the relationship end when the meal ends. Send a text, make another plan, or continue the conversation.

Conversation Starters

- What is something you are really enjoying right now?
- How did you end up living/working here?
- What is your favorite thing about our community?
- What has been a highlight of your year?
- What is something you are looking forward to?
- Who has had the biggest influence on your life?
- What is something you wish more people knew about you?

When the Conversation Gets Spiritual

The goal is not to force a spiritual conversation. Listen first. Look for natural openings. Share what Jesus has done in your own life, ask thoughtful questions, and allow the relationship to develop.

How We Will Count to 1,000

We are counting shared-table experiences, not individual meals or individual people. If six people sit around one table, that is one table. The simplicity helps everyone know exactly what counts.

- Report your table through the Living Hope online form.
- Use the QR code provided on Sundays and at church events.

A Prayer for Our Tables

Jesus, thank You for the people You have placed around us. Give us eyes to see our neighbors, courage to invite, humility to listen, and compassion to care. Help our tables become places of belonging, meaningful conversation, and genuine friendship. Give us opportunities to share Your hope—not through pressure, but through the way we love and live. Use these tables to draw people closer to You and closer to one another. Amen.

OPEN YOUR TABLE. OPEN YOUR LIFE. SHARE THE HOPE.