

1000 Tables: A Guide to Practicing Hospitality

Introduction

If God is truly First and Best in our lives, one of the most loving and impactful things we can do is invite others into our lives. That's the heart behind 1000 Tables.

What is 1000 Tables?

1000 Tables is a church-wide invitation to open our homes, gather around tables, and create space for people to experience love, belonging, and Jesus.

From August 3 to September 7, we're encouraging every person in our church family to intentionally share a meal with someone—friend, neighbor, coworker, or someone new to StoneWater.

Action Step: We'll show hospitality by inviting someone to share a meal with us around a table.

Your "table" can take any form:

- Dinner around your kitchen table
- Coffee on your porch
- Takeout on a tailgate
- A potluck in the park
- A local restaurant

If you're gathering with others and creating connections, it counts.

The Goal: 1000 shared tables. 1000 opportunities to love like Jesus.

How to Start a Table

- **Pray** – Ask God to show you who needs a seat at your table.
 - **Invite** – Keep it simple. No need for fancy food or a spotless house.
 - **Prepare** – Serve something easy—homemade, potluck, takeout, store-bought. This is about people, not perfection.
 - **Gather** – Be present. Turn off the distractions. Make space for meaningful conversation.
 - **Reflect** – Thank God for those who showed up. Ask Him who's next.
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A Simple Flow for Your Table Night

Here's a flexible rhythm to help make your night feel meaningful without feeling forced:

1. **Pray** – Invite God into the moment. Ask Him to bless the food and the people around the table.
 2. **Eat** – Enjoy the meal and casual conversation.
 3. **Table Time** – Stay seated after eating and keep the conversation going.
 4. **High/Low** – Have each person share a high and low from their week. Don't fix—just listen.
 5. **Pray Again** – End by praying for the things shared.
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Conversation Starters

Try a few of these to keep things flowing:

- What's been bringing you joy lately?
 - What's one thing you're looking forward to this month?
 - Who's someone who made a big impact on your life?
 - What's something you've learned recently that stuck with you?
 - If you could have dinner with anyone—past or present—who would it be and why?
 - Where do you feel most at home or at peace?
 - What's a small win you had this week?
 - What helps you feel connected to God or others?
 - For more Conversation Starters - Go [HERE](#)
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Simple Table Prayers

- *"God, thank You for this meal and the people around this table. Help us enjoy good food, good conversation, and care for one another well. Amen."*
 - *"Jesus, You made space for everyone. Help us do the same. Let this table be a place of welcome, joy, and grace. Amen."*
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Track Your Table

During the 1000 Tables series, we'll be tracking our progress with table selfies! Snap a photo with the people you're hosting and share it on social media using **#sw1000tables**. It's a simple way to celebrate hospitality and inspire others to open their tables too.

Need a little help getting started?

We've put together a list of our favorite hospitality items on Amazon—simple, practical things that make opening your home a little easier.

- You don't need fancy dishes or a spotless house to show people they're welcome. Paper plates work just fine. What matters most is creating space for connection, not perfection.
- Browse the list, grab what's helpful, skip what's not. Use what you have, do what you can, and invite someone in.

[\[Our Hospitality Favorites\]](#)