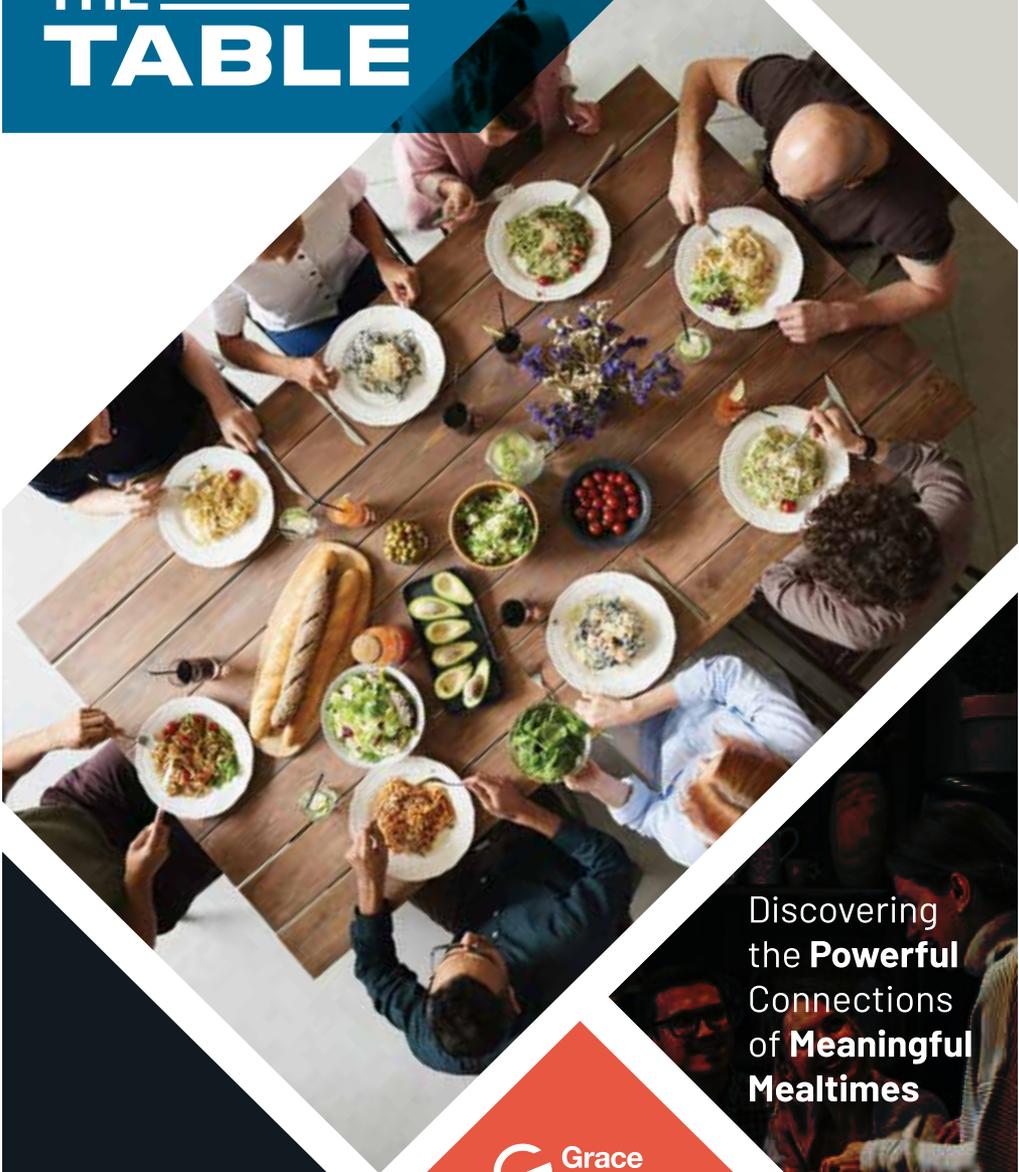


RESTORE THE TABLE



Discovering
the **Powerful**
Connections
of **Meaningful**
Mealtimes

 Grace
Fellowship

PRAYING

FOR

OTHERS

- Pray silently for the prayer request printed in your worship guide.
- Our Seminary Students
- Our small group led by Stuart & Gayla Cox
- Our church plant WordServe
- Neighboring church service this morning at Church of the King
- Our mission team serving in Caucasus Mountains led by Nate
- The Bug*is of Indonesia

We ask all this for the glory of Your name.

“For My House Shall Be Called A House Of Prayer For All Nations.” Isaiah 56:7

Daily Prayer Meeting: Monday-Friday from 11AM–NOON live and Online at thegreatsouthwestprayercenter.org. Special prayer for our nation every Tuesday at this time.

Prophetic Prayer: Every 2nd Sunday from 10:45AM-12:30PM

Healing Prayer: Every 4th Sunday from 10:45AM-12:30PM

Restore the Table

“The Table in Heaven” – Revelation 19:6-10
April 28, 2024

Spring Sermon Series

Restore the Table

Discovering the Powerful Connections of Meaningful Mealtimes

Date	Message Title	Bible
March 30/31	Jesus Restores the Table	John 21:1-25
April 7	The Church Restores the Table	Acts 2:42-47
April 14	Multiplying the Table	Matthew 14:13-21
April 21	The Lord's Table	Matthew 26:17-30
April 28	The Table in Heaven	Revelation 19:6-10

The 40-Day Restore the Table Challenge

THE 40-DAY RESTORE THE TABLE CHALLENGE

With God's help, we will have 5 meaningful mealtimes together per week with those we love for 40 days (total of thirty meals), and we will invite someone outside our circle to join us for three of those meals.

x _____

Main Idea = God has an ultimate plan for the table.

THREE FEATURES OF JESUS' TABLE:

1 – The _____ of the Multitude (v. 6)

The “Great Multitude” from Revelation 7

- **Revelation 7:9-10** – *After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”*

Every Tribe, Tongue, and Nation Around the Throne

- But they are not just *standing*... they are *singing!*
- And it is LOUD (“Roar... mighty peels of thunder”)

Darren Whitehead – "Every time we gather with God's people to praise him, one voice unites with another. Songs become anthems. Anthems become declarations. Declarations become a holy roar."

Table Talk #1: When was the last time you worshiped with all your heart? Have you ever experienced a "holy roar?"

2 – The _____ of the Bride (v. 7-8)

The Lamb = Jesus

- **Revelation 5:6** – *And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain...*

The Bride = The Church

- **Ephesians 5:32** – *This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.*

"The bride has made herself ready"

- Doing the work God has "granted" for us to do (v.8).

Thomas Constable – "*Bright* indicates divine glory. *Clean* reflects purity. This is dress appropriate for God's presence. Fine linen represents righteous deeds. These are the works of the saints rather than their standing before God. Their good deeds, which God's grace made possible, make them dressed appropriately for their righteous Lord."

Here: The bride is finally pure!

- Do you long for this?
- We are *not* a pure bride right now. We walk with a limp. We struggle and sin and wrestle. But one day, we will be pure.

Sanctuary (Song) – "Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living, sanctuary, for you."

Table Talk #2: We all struggle in many ways. Where are you not yet a 'pure sanctuary' before God? What do you need to repent of?

3 – The _____ of the Lamb (v. 9-10)

Three Parts of a Jewish Wedding:

- Phase 1: Marriage contract signed
- Phase 2: Waiting period
- Phase 3: Marriage Supper (Feast)

Think About How This Compares to Today:

- Phase 1: Contract "signed" through Jesus' blood
- Phase 2: We're in a period of waiting now
- Phase 3: Marriage Supper (Feast) of the Lamb

ESV Study Notes – "Those invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb are believers who belong to his beloved bride, the church, who have been called through the gospel of grace."

'Blessed are those who are invited'

- **Revelation 3:20** – *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.*

C.S. Lewis – "If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world they have become so ineffective in this."

Book: "The Great Dechurching"

Table Talk #3: Who needs to be at this table in heaven? Who do I need to share this invitation with?

TWO CONCLUSIONS

_____ is Not the End

Your last meal on earth will not be your last meal

- **Isaiah 25:6** – *On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.*
- See also: Mark 14:25, Revelation 22:1-3, Luke 22:30

Song: “Where the Roses Never Fade”

Revelation 21:4 – *He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.*

Table Talk #4: Who are you looking forward to seeing again in heaven?

“On _____ as it is in Heaven”

We are asking for a taste of this *now!*

- **Matthew 6:10** – *Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*
- The roar, the purity, and the feast.

Table Talk #5: How can we experience a little taste of this future table today around our table?

***National Day of Prayer** – Gathering on Thursday, May 2, at 7pm at The Fellowship (22765 Westheimer Pkwy, Katy, TX)

***Fire on the Altar** – 50 hours of Nonstop Prayer (Student Bldg)

***Family Night** – Friday, May 3, at 5-9pm at Grace Fellowship Church field by Student Building

22 FIELD WORKERS WERE SENT AMONG OUR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

15,600+
PRAYER REQUESTS LIFTED UP

500
KIDS LEARNED ABOUT JESUS THROUGH VBS

600 FAMILIES BLESSED THRU CARE MINISTRY

700
KIDS FROM PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY PRAYED FOR OUR UPG

402
CHILDREN ATTENDED KIDS & SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY ON SUNDAYS

179
BAPTISMS!

345
PARTICIPATED IN SPIRITUAL FORMATION MENTORING GROUPS

2023
Your **GENEROSITY** in **ACTION**

 **Grace Fellowship**

HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE WAYS YOU ARE MAKING AN IMPACT!

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO GIVE YOUR ESTIMATE OF GIVING FOR 2024 AND WATCH WHAT GOD DOES!



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NEW SERMON SERIES | MAY 5TH

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JUST JESUS.

NATIONAL DAY
OF PRAYER
50 HOURS
HOUSTON
MAY 2, 3, 4

Thursday, May 2 at 7PM • The Fellowship Cinco Ranch

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER This is a time for the city to gather in worship and prayer, together with the nation, which will then launch us into **FIRE ON THE ALTAR— NONSTOP PRAYER + WORSHIP + UNITY** May 3rd and 4th.

Friday May 3 5-9PM • Grace Fellowship Student Building

A special time for families to enjoy a night of **PRAYER, WORSHIP, COMMUNITY** and **FUN**, together, at **FIRE ON THE ALTAR | 50 HOURS HOUSTON!** There will be outdoor prayer experiences, sidewalk chalk, and space for a picnic on the lawn!

Saturday May 4 • GEN Z FOR JESUS • Grace Fellowship

Invite your friends, parent's with teens and young adults; Let's intercede for the next generation and experience **JUST JESUS**, together.

Learn more by scanning the QR Code or visiting
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