

B.L.E.S.S. Your Neighbor Eating with Friends

Matthew 9:9-13



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The center square represents where you live or work. The 8 surrounding squares represent your “neighbors”. Write each of your neighbors’ names in the surrounding 8 squares. Then use this tool to begin to pray for 8 people closest to you. Put in on your mirror, in your Bible or someplace you will see it to remember to pray daily for open doors.



T-90 Small Group Questions

Getting Started:

- What is your favorite restaurant and why?
- What are some favorite dishes you like to order?
- What is one of your most memorable meals ever?

Digging In:

1. What is it about sharing a meal that seems to deepen friendship so quickly?
2. Read Matthew 9:9-13. Why do you think Jesus chose to eat with Matthew?
3. How do you think Matthew felt about sharing a meal with Jesus?
4. Why is eating with someone such an effective way to bless them?
5. Read Matthew 11:19. Jesus didn't mind being called a friend of sinners. What qualities would a “friend to sinners” need to have?

Taking It Home:

6. Who are the “Matthews” around you right now?
7. What excuses go through your mind as you think about a meal with this “Matthew”?
8. Is there someone who you can share a meal, a dessert or coffee with this week?