

Hosting a SALLTy TABLE

Unity...We move at the speed of relationships

PURPOSE:

At a moment in time when our SALLT family is 10 years into the journey, around the table is where we want people to experience deeper connections with one another. We want an intentional space for us to encourage each other in the work God is doing within our community, and gather to discuss how we, as “the Church”, can become the solution-bringers for the challenges within our city.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE (preparation):

Thank you for hosting! You can find your table by going to www.sallytable.com and clicking “Join us for Dinner”. Please take some time to personally invite people to your table. We all love to have a personal invitation. Direct guests to sign up on the your Eventbrite page to give them information needed and allow us to keep track of who is coming.

Please read Letter from the Founder: Wes’s Wisdom regarding Alcohol
Find this attached in the email sent with this guide

SET THE TABLE (communication):

One-week before your event, send out an email/group text that includes the following:

- A welcoming note
- Encouragement to come ready to engage with one another
- Share what dishes you will be preparing & what dishes you would like for the guests to bring for a potluck-style dinner. The menu and style of meal is the choice of the host.

GATHER AT THE TABLE:

We encourage the tables to be approximately a **2-hour experience**. Please make an effort to start and end on time. Giving guests the freedom to leave if they need to, though as the host feel free to allow guests to linger for further conversation and connection.

The following is a suggested Host Guide:

Welcome and Connect: 30 min

Arrival of guests, time of fellowship

Optional: appetizers

Table Talk: 30 min

Optional ways to get the evening started...

- For a playful start: Have guests jot down something truly unique about themselves and pass to the host. The host can read each response and the guests try to guess who that person is.
- For a passionate start: What do you think is special about Oklahoma City? What sets our city apart with its resources and potential?

Turn up the Conversation: 1 hour

1. **Read/Share:** "Why we gather at the table, letter from Wes Lane" (*last page*)
2. **Invite the presence of God to surround the conversation:** Open the table talk time with prayer to orient the evening. Do this in whatever way you sense would be meaningful for the people around the table.

3. **Realities and Redemption**

Share: Over the last few months our city/state has been in the national spotlight engaged in a fierce, conflictual dialogue centered on the education of our children...

Interact: With the eyes, mind, and heart of a follower of Jesus, what have you thought as we've watched this issue unfold?

At this point pass out the Redemptive Education Field Guide, this will be a resource to interact with for the rest of the conversation and give guests a tool to continue processing after the dinner.

4. **Casting a Vision for Redemptive Education:**

Share: Read out loud "A Vision for Redemptive Education" from the Field Guide

Interact: How is your heart gravitating towards the vision of redemptive education?
How do you see the role of Church to bring this vision to life?

5. YEAR OF JUSTICE: Education

Share: Lead guests to view “YEAR of JUSTICE: Education” timeline in the Field Guide.

Interact: Though the interaction tonight or in your present walk, how is your heart stirred to engage in this year’s focus of justice for the love of the children in our city?

Here you may refer guests to the “Resource” & “Guides” page from the Field Guide to give specific ways to engage further following the time around the table.

6. Close with purpose and prayer

As the evening winds down, encourage guests to share a “aha”/take away moment from the evening and pray over the table time.

7. Smile everyone!

Take a group picture together and share it on the SALLT alumni Facebook or Instagram page with a few thoughts, takeaways from the evening to encourage the SALLT family.

End with a fond farewell. Whether in hugs or handshakes, we want people focusing on the fellowship and unity we have in Christ as we leave.

FOLLOW UP:

After Hosting your Table, Tyler will be reaching out to you via a phone call to get your feedback on how the evening went.

- We want to hear how the conversation unfolded and learn of any new connections made among your guests that could further fuel transformation in our city.
- Let us know if you would be interested to host again.
- Did your time together bring encouragement, and end with a feeling of how people would be interested to engage?

CONTACT:

Please reach out to us if we can be of any help... thank you for hosting!

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Why we gather at the table, letter from Wes Lane

We are here as people assigned by God to Oklahoma City, connecting around our shared identity as Sons & Daughters of the Most High God. We are here as a part of God's redemptive plan for the earth, for individuals and for cities.

We are here in agreement to Jesus' heart cry in John 17 that God's children should be in Unity and moving at the speed of relationships. When we cultivate trust with one another it transforms us personally and culturally. We believe that we carry God's vision for this city and it brings hope and life. Embracing our role as leaders in Christ results in humans flourishing as never before.

We are here to gather together to stir our hearts towards something God is placing on the hearts of influencers across the city. It has filled the headlines and the news channels. An area of injustice plaguing the lives of so many of our young children and families. It's not the only injustice needing redemption, but it has placed our children in bondage and despair. Our system of public education has been forced into the spotlight and the cracks have shown the challenges. This is an opportunity for the body of Christ to rise up in the chaos to be solution-bringers and a source of hope. We are here to discuss paths of how the Church can be salt and light to every child.