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KEEP THIS ON THE TABLE

The table card

Four movements, the four questions, and the three things that wreck good tables.

> One page for the table itself. Keep it where everyone can see it, so nobody has to hold a phone.

Meet

Eat first. The meal is not the warm-up — it is half the point. Phones go in another room; put yours away first, out loud, and you will never have to ask anyone else.

Share

How was the week — actually? Go around. Do not fix anybody.

Then ask about last week's acts. Every one of them, by name. This is the part that changes people, and the part that gets skipped.

Grow

Tell the story from memory, not off the page. Then the four questions, in order, always the same four:
Can't get it cold? Read it aloud, close the book, tell it anyway — and ask the table to catch what you drop.

1. What stood out to you?
2. What does this show us about Jesus?
3. Where are you in this story?
4. So what are we going to do about it?

When it goes quiet, count to ten before you jump in. What somebody says after a real silence is almost always more honest.

Act

Before anyone leaves, each person names one concrete thing to do before next week. Small counts. Write them down — you will not remember six of them in seven days.

Three things that wreck good tables

1. **Content creep.** A week falls flat so you add a video, a worksheet. The story and the four questions are the content.
2. **Rescuing silence.** Fill every quiet moment and the table learns that silence is a problem.
3. **Skipping the follow-up.** A table that talks and never acts is a book club. Nothing wrong with book clubs. This is not one.

Keeping people safe

Two adults, always. Never one adult alone with someone else's child — not in a room, not in a car, not in a chat. If a child tells you something, believe them and tell the authorities. That is the law, not our policy.

End on time

Whatever you said — ninety minutes, two hours — land it. People trust a table that respects their Tuesday.

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