

# Eat Together Ideas & Resources

Here are some ways you can eat with people who don't know God:

- Have dinner together in your home or at a restaurant
- Share a pizza
- Enjoy a cup of coffee together
- Host a holiday party
- Organize a block party or backyard neighborhood BBQ
- Include others in your family celebrations
- Try new restaurants together
- Add one person to one meal per week
- Throw a small dinner party
- Join with another couple to connect friends to friends
- Create an affinity group
- Teach someone how to cook
- Share a holiday meal
- Attend their party or event

## RECOMMENDED READING

**The Art of Neighboring** – Jay Pathak, Dave Runyon & Randy Frazee

When Jesus was asked to sum up everything into one command, he said to love God with everything we have and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Most of us have turned this simple idea of loving our neighbors into a nice saying, putting it on bumper stickers and refrigerator magnets—and then going on with our lives without actually putting it into practice. What would happen if every follower of Jesus took the Great Commandment literally? Is it possible that the solution to our society's biggest issues has been right under our noses for the past two thousand years?

**Next Door as it is in Heaven** – Lance Ford & Brad Brisco

There was a time when neighbors knew each other's names, when small children and the older people had more than their families looking out for them. There was a time when our neighborhoods were our closest communities. But today neighborhoods have become the place where nobody knows your name. Into this neighborhood crisis the words of Jesus still ring true: Second only to the command to love God is the command to "love your neighbor as yourself." In *Next Door as It Is in Heaven*, Lance Ford and Brad Brisco offer first principles and best practices to make our neighborhoods into places where compassion and care are once again part of the culture, where good news is more than words, and where the love of God can be once again rooted and established.

**A Meal with Jesus** – Tim Chester

The meals of Jesus represent something bigger. They represent a new world, a new kingdom, a new outlook. Tim Chester brings to light God's purposes in the seemingly ordinary act of sharing a meal—

how this everyday experience is really an opportunity for grace, community, and mission. Chester challenges contemporary understandings of hospitality as he urges us to evaluate who we invite to our table and why. Learn how you can foster grace and bless others through the rich fare being served in A Meal with Jesus.