

How To Map and Move Into Your "Section of Tables"

1. Think about the **places** or **relational networks** you visit on at least a weekly basis: for example, Home, Church, Work, School, Extended Family, Community (includes stores, restaurants, the gym, etc.), Online Communities, Clubs, Teams, and so on. Write the names of these places/networks on the "tables" in the diagram. (I've found it best to use pencil, especially as you begin to add names later on.)
2. Think of **at least three people** with whom you regularly interact in each of those places, people who "sit" at each of those "tables." Write their names around or beside the tables. (For the Home table you must include all the people with whom you live, even it's more than three. You can't just choose your favorite three!) Be sure to write small enough to leave room to add names to these tables.
3. Begin to serve the people in your section of tables by **praying for them**. Pray for a different table each day if you wish. Perhaps you could make a 3x5 prayer request card for each table, keeping a record of specific items to pray for each person at that table. You'll find that as you pray for them, you'll begin to look at them with fresh eyes and a you-first heart when you see them during the week.
4. Begin to practice the **Preparation, Conversation, Demonstration, and Transformation** concepts mentioned in the "What Should I Do In My Section of Tables" panel of this card.

**SET THESE GOALS FOR YOUR MINISTRY
IN YOUR SECTION OF TABLES:**

According to **2 Corinthians 10:13-18**, Paul understood that God had assigned him to a particular “area of influence” (or *section of tables*). Paul had **four primary objectives** toward which he worked in the circles of relationship in which God had placed him:

1. To **take Christ to the limits** of his area of influence (v. 16; Matthew 28:18-20).
2. To **create a “mutual edification zone”** in his section of tables, where all could edify one another in the Lord (v. 15; Ephesians 5:15-17, Colossians 3:16-17).
3. To **expand his area of influence** as God enabled Him to do so (v. 16; Acts 1:8).
4. To **do everything in his area of influence in such a way that God would be “boasted about”** (praised, honored, glorified – vv. 15, 16; Matthew 5:14-16, 1 Corinthians 10:31).

**WHAT SHOULD I DO
IN MY SECTION OF TABLES?**

PREPARATION

Pray and prepare your heart for ministry to the people at your tables. Pray for people like Paul did: *2 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 1:15-23, 3:14-21; Colossians 1:9-14,19; Philippians 1:8-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10.*

CONVERSATION

Begin to meet, greet, and get the names of people you don’t know. Add them to this card. Engage both believers and non-believers in conversation. Ask questions. Show care and concern. The following verses will help you learn how to season your speech: *Ephesians 4:29, 5:4; Colossians 4:5-6; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 3:12-13, 10:24-25.*

DEMONSTRATION

Look for ways to serve the needs of others, showing them a tangible expression of the love and goodness of Christ. The following verses will help you learn how to express your faith in love: *John 13:1-15; Romans 13:8; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Galatians 5:6; James 1:19-27; 1 John 3:16-18.*

TRANSFORMATION

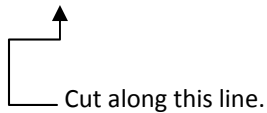
Pursue total transformation for yourself and the people in your section of tables by the Word of God through the power of the Spirit. These verses will encourage you: *Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:6; Ephesians 4:12-16; Colossians 1:28.*

“At Your Service”



Every follower of Jesus has been called to carry out “the work of ministry” (Ephesians 4:12-16). That word “ministry” comes from the Greek word *diakonos* (dee-AH-koh-nahs). A *diakonos* was a servant who waited tables at banquets and dinners (Luke 10:40, 12:37, 17:8, 22:27; John 12:2). Much like the servers in our restaurants today, these “ministers” were to serve the needs of the people sitting in the section of tables to which they had been assigned. Paul referred to his “section of tables” as his “area of influence” (2 Corinthians 10:13-18). It’s where Jesus sends us to “make disciples” as we are going (Matthew 28:18-20).

The tool you hold in your hands was designed to help you discover, pray for, talk with, share the Gospel with, and serve the people in your “section of tables”, so that they might taste and see the transforming power of the Gospel through you!



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How To Print and Prepare Your “My Section of Tables” Card:

1. **Print** this as a two-sided document. If possible, use white card stock.
2. **Cut** along dotted line to separate these instructions from the “My Section of Tables” card.
3. **Fold** the “My Section of Tables” card into 3 even panels (tri-fold) with the tables diagram on the inside. After folding, the “At Your Service” panel should be on the outside front and the “What Should I Do In My Section of Tables?” panel should be on the outside back. The “Set These Goals . . . ” panel should fold inside to fit underneath the “At Your Service” panel. When folded, the card should be about the size of a 3x5 notecard.
4. **Put** the folded card in your wallet, purse, briefcase, backpack, Bible, or pocket for easy access. You’ll want it handy to add names of new people you meet in your section of tables.

This tool and others are also available at www.CruciformLife.org.