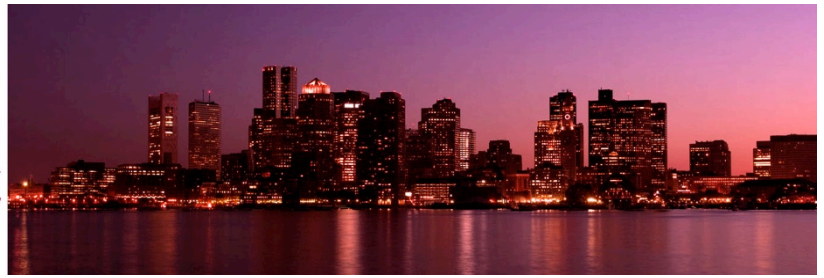


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Change Boston



The Table

“And as he reclined at the table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners? And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” Mark 2: 15-17

It has been just a few days shy of 19 years since I was first invited to “the Table.” I remember being scared and worried that I didn’t know enough of The Bible to really sit at the table of one incredible woman who opened her home for college students to gather and study His Word. That table that we stretched out at helped to build into me a hope and vision for what else God could do in my life, whom else could hear of Him, Who else I could invite to the table.

So on Thursday afternoons we make due. In a old fraternity house that has now been turned into just normal student housing, a group of about 15 faithful college women gather

and also invite new women to the table almost every week. It’s a powerful picture because girls like “Molly” don’t come feeling confident or stable in what they believe. In Fact, she came crawling back after a heavy bout of spiritual attack and mental health issues. But she came and listened and began to share her story. She began to open up. This incredible community has been used to bring about some healing and health in her life. When she arrived last week, it was with the joy of how she had shared her faith story—the gospel working in her life—with 3 others the night before.

Today was no different. I lugged lots of homemade soup onto campus. When I arrived at the door, a girl with a nervous smile was already standing outside, waiting to get in. I said “hi” and introduced myself; she shyly said, “I’m ‘Leslie.’” “Great come on in!” So Leslie joined us at the table because one of those faithful 15 girls invited her. It brings tears to my eyes to think of how God is using a simple table to bring about change in many women’s lives.

Thank you for praying; thank you for being part of the Table in Boston. Please keep praying that new faces would



be invited to the table every week and that our little group of women would display the grace and truth of Christ over and over again to each other and to those that are just joining us.

Loving our Adventurous Lord,

Brian & Malisa

Please pray for these women crammed around “The Table” as they continue to follow Jesus. I love sharing the gospel (and meals) with each of them.

Prayer Requests

- For the table to continue to be a safe and honest place to understand the Gospel.
- For the 60 plus students and staff headed to Spring Break Mission trips from Boston. Please pray for our little family as well. We have just taken a group of 40 to Big Break, which is an evangelism outreach.
- For Brian and I to continue to believe God for changed lives in Boston.
- For the many relationships we have recently build with students from a extremely closed country in the Middle East.



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