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3 Challenges we face:

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Jeremiah 6:16 This is what the Lord says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls...”

Revelation 3:20 “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and **eat with that person**, and they with me.”

The Challenge:

- ✓ Eat _____ times a week as a family.
- ✓ _____ at every meal.
- ✓ Reclaim the Table _____ of questions.
- ✓ Life Groups and Dream Teams get together and _____ a meal.
- ✓ _____ . Use #nhreclaimed.

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Matthew 26:18-30 “As you go into the city...**I will eat the Passover meal with my disciples at your house.**” So the disciples did as Jesus told them and prepared the Passover meal there. When it was evening, **Jesus sat down at the table with the**

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Keys to Reclaiming the Table

1. Start Where You _____.

Isaiah 61:4 They will **rebuild the ancient ruins** and **restore the places long devastated**; they will **renew** the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

Psalms 68:6 God sets the **lonely in families**, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

2. Family a _____.

Joshua 24:15 “But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”

3. Family _____.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 “Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.”

4. Stories of _____.

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