



## [the table :: overview]

### basics

On **April 26-May 1, 2010**, The Table will gather in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. The Table will be an intimate gathering, and our space is limited. Due to the unique setting of this group experience and other limitations, unfortunately we are unable to provide for a mixed-gender group. We are exploring possibilities for a gathering for women.

*The full event will be funded by The Genesis Project and will be our gift. Participants will be responsible for travel and are expected to participate in the entire week.*

Most participants will have a private room and bath, but one or two will need to share accommodations. Please mark on your application if that is a problem. Also, we will mark this week as a tech-free zone (no email, web, etc.)

### why

The Genesis Project serves as a community providing soul-care for those giving themselves to the difficult work of new church development. All ministry is hard and noble work, and all pastors should receive spiritual nourishing. However, church planting has a particular history as a high-pressure and soul-killing endeavor. Resources are often poured into the strategic areas of new church initiatives, but far too little attention has been given to the heart of those leading, to the state of the soul. In the particular pressure-cooker of new church ventures, we believe it is vital to remember that God's work in the heart is more important than the planter's work in the church.

### who

In order to best receive what The Table offers, a participant will be one who is acutely aware of the brokenness of their own story, attuned to a hunger for Jesus' redemptive healing and willing to openly share this brokenness and hunger with others in a honest, safe group context.

### name

Jesus invites us all to his Table, a place of feasting and laughter, where we find Jesus present among bread and wine. We are hungrier than we know, and Jesus' Table is more satisfying than we could imagine.

### guides

All of the Genesis Project community will be engaged in leading the week. Ken Edwards (spiritual director, counselor and speaker) will serve as our prime facilitator.

### environment

We will stay at the Wintergreen Resort in a premier mountain house. The accommodations, meals and tone of the week will be simple but tasteful. Our desire is to provide space that reflects God's generosity, grace and beauty.



## [the table :: application]

- return the application to us by January 15<sup>th</sup> either via email or post (contact info at the bottom)
- include a picture with your application – we want to pray for you and this process more personally
- have your spouse (if unmarried, a spiritual mentor or soul-friend) answer the last four questions
- you may print this form or create your own version, but please answer questions in this order

//name:

//phone and email

//address:

*Please briefly respond to the following:*

tell us a little bit about your family and your current ministry.

what are you most hungry for?

what do you sense you most need in this season of your life?

what kind of spiritual support network do you have?

what movies, books and music has touched or stirred you in the past year or two?

other than your entrance into faith, tell us about a significant growing experience.



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what conferences, group experiences or spiritual formation experiences have you found most helpful – and why?

we will serve wine at some of our meals, and pipes or cigars may be enjoyed at times - will this offend you?

why are you drawn to apply for The Table?

if necessary, do you have any problem sharing a room with another participant?

***Please have your spouse (or if unmarried, your spiritual mentor or soul-friend) respond briefly to the following:***

what do you sense your husband's (or friend's) most acute need is in their heart/soul/body?

what do you hope your husband/friend will receive from this time?



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how do you feel about this person attending The Table?

does this person have the support of his oversight body (session, elders, presbytery, bishop, coach, leadership council, etc.) to participate in The Table? please elaborate.