

A Bigger Table

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READING AND DISCUSSION PLAN

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Chapters</u>
April 10	Introduction, Chapters 1 and 2
April 17	Chapters 3, 4, and 5
April 24	Chapters 6 and 7
May 1	Chapters 8, 9, and 10
May 8	Chapters 11, 12, 13, and 14
May 15	Chapters 15, 16, 17, and 18

The author, John Pavlovitz, has provided some questions to consider for each chapter. These discussion questions are located at the back of the book. In addition, a few additional questions will be posted below each week to consider for our group discussion.

Questions for April 10th meeting:

1. Pay attention to the campaign material you receive by mail, ads in the paper and ads on TV for the April elections.

- a. Who has paid for the ad?
- b. Does the ad focus on a strength of the candidate or a weakness of the opponent?
- c. Did the ad influence your vote?

2. Imagine that you have been given the task of creating a committee focused on increasing the diversity in our church membership.

- a. What attributes would you want represented on the committee? Attributes are descriptive terms for inborn traits (e.g., gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation) and acquired traits such as socio-economic status.
- b. What skills would you want represented on the committee? By skills, I am referring to traits that a person has developed through training and/or experience (e.g., organizational skills, public speaking ability, and artistic ability).