EVERY TABLE AN ALTAR

THE TABLE TALK DECK

50 QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATIONS WORTH HAVING

Pull up a chair. Make room for a story.

A PLACE TO BEGIN

HOW TO USE THE DECK

Print the following pages at 100% scale on US Letter paper. Cut along the card borders. For sturdier cards, print on cardstock.

AT THE TABLE

Shuffle the cards, draw one, and let the conversation unfold. Everyone is welcome to pass. Listen without rushing to respond. Ask a follow-up question when someone wants to share more.

FIVE WAYS IN

Start Here: easy openings. Stories & Memories: the experiences that formed us. Here & Now: life as it is. Faith & Wonder: honest spiritual conversation. Go Deeper: questions for people who have built trust.

A SIMPLE PRACTICE

Put phones away, share a meal or a snack, and choose one question. You do not need to get through a stack of cards. One good conversation is enough.

A NOTE ABOUT CARE

Some questions touch on grief or vulnerability. Never pressure someone to answer. Give people room to choose what they share.

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What was the best part of your day that almost went unnoticed?

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What is something small that made you laugh recently?

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If you could revisit one meal from your childhood, which would it be?

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What is a skill you wish someone would teach you?

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What is one place where you always feel at home?

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What is a family tradition you hope never disappears?

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Who has made you feel welcome lately? What did they do?

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What is one thing you are looking forward to this month?

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What is a story about you that your friends never get tired of hearing?

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What is something you have changed your mind about?

STORIES & MEMORIES

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Who was the first person outside your family who really believed in you?

STORIES & MEMORIES

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What did the dinner table feel like in the home where you grew up?

STORIES & MEMORIES

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Tell us about a time a stranger showed you unexpected kindness.

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STORIES & MEMORIES

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What is a mistake that eventually taught you something valuable?

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Which friendship has shaped the person you are becoming?

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STORIES & MEMORIES

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When have you felt especially brave?

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STORIES & MEMORIES

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What is a memory you wish you could share with someone who was not there?

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What is a question you wish you had asked a grandparent or mentor?

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When did you first feel like you belonged somewhere?

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What is one ordinary moment you hope you never forget?

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HERE & NOW

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What has been giving you energy lately?

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HERE & NOW

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What has been taking more out of you than you expected?

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HERE & NOW

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Where in your life do you feel most present?

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HERE & NOW

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What is something you are learning to say no to?

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What would a genuinely restful day look like for you?

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HERE & NOW

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When do you feel most understood?

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HERE & NOW

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What is one conversation you have been hoping to have?

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What is a burden you would welcome help carrying?

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What is a small act of courage available to you this week?

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Who might need an invitation to your table?

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FAITH & WONDER

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What is a question about God you are carrying right now?

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Where have you noticed beauty recently?

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Which story about Jesus keeps returning to your mind?

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When has someone helped you experience the love of God?

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What does prayer look like in this season of your life?

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What is something about faith that you are still wrestling with?

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When has a shared meal felt sacred to you?

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What part of Jesus’ way of life most challenges you?

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What are you grateful for that you could not have planned?

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Where might God be inviting you to pay closer attention?

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What is something you wish people understood about you?

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What have you had to grieve that others may not have noticed?

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When have you found it difficult to receive help?

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What does forgiveness mean to you right now?

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What fear has been influencing your decisions lately?

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What kind of person do you hope to become over the next five years?

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What would it look like to make more room in your life for people?

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Where do you need to experience hope again?

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What is a meaningful way this group could support you?

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What do you hope people feel when they sit at your table?

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