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Listen with Care - What do you appreciate about people who listen well? How is listening with care and compassion a ministry to others? What questions can you ask others to open spiritual conversations?

**Eat Together -** When have you experienced true hospitality from someone? What made it special? Why can food be a powerful tool for relationships?

Prayerfully consider who you can invite to a meal.

Think of some hospitable spiritual conversation starters you can use to lovingly engage their story over the meal. Have a "next step" invitation ready in case they are open to it.

Serve in Love - Where in scripture do you see Jesus practically serving others? Does Jesus only serve his friends? Why is this important? Who do you have the ability and opportunity to serve? How can you humbly serve non-Christians in Jesus' name? Why is it important to serve without expecting anything back?

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What makes personal stories so powerful?

What is unique to your story?

What kind of person or what specific individual that you know might connect especially well with your story?

Listen for appropriate opportunities to share your story in your conversations with others, then take a risk and trust God to use you . . .

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