



**What are the purposes of a table group?** To dig deeper into the Biblical principle(s) presented each Sunday morning during the FCC worship hour, to connect and share with other group members and to support one another as we strive to live out each week's teaching.

**What does a table group do?** A group discussion guide will be provided in the bulletin each Sunday and will be available on the FCC Facebook page by noon on Monday. The discussion guide will focus the group and challenge each participant to action.

**Who establishes and makes up a table group?**

1. Husband & Wife
2. Family
3. 2-5 Guys
4. 2-5 Ladies
5. 2-5 Couples

**Where do they meet?**

1. Kitchen table
2. Coffee table
3. Cafe table
4. Restaurant table
5. Picnic table
6. Work table
7. Round table

**How often do they meet?** Weekly (day and time is decided by the group)

**How long should the weekly meeting last?** Varies (decided by the group)

**Who leads a table group?** Leadership can be shared or a leader can be chosen by the group.

**How long does the group stay together?** The group should commit to stay together 6-8 weeks. Groups can renew their commitment to meet together for another season (6-8 weeks).

**Is a table group an official FCC group?** Table groups are not organized by FCC but are provided as opportunities for individuals to connect and become better followers of Jesus. FCC would like to know how this opportunity is being utilized. When your group establishes a place, time, and participants, please report to Doug Mitchell (270) 765-4994 [doug@fccetown.com](mailto:doug@fccetown.com).

**Can an individual be a part of more than one table group?** Yes, but our goal is that every individual attending a worship service be a part of at least one table group.

**What happens if the group is too big to meet around a table?** No table group should have more than 10 individuals. If a group grows to have more than 10 participants, there are two options:

- 1) Multiply into separate tables (groups of less than 10). Or
- 2) Seek to establish a life group (10-20 participants). To establish a life group, contact Doug Mitchell (270) 765-4994 [doug@fccetown.com](mailto:doug@fccetown.com).



“BORING” - The Old Ball & Chain (Genesis 2:23-24, Ephesians 5:32)  
August 24, 2014 - TABLE GROUP GUIDE

**Begin by reading the devotion inside the bulletin.** This is also posted online on [facebook.com/fcctown](https://facebook.com/fcctown) and at [fcctown.com/media.php](http://fcctown.com/media.php) under the sermon video.

### Looking Back

- 1) During this past week, where have you seen God's hand at work in or around you?
- 2) What is the greatest encouragement or challenge you have experienced this week?

If you were unable to attend worship on Sunday, please go to [fcctown.com](http://fcctown.com) and watch Sunday's sermon prior to meeting with your weekly table group.

*Many relationships can fall into such a routine that they feel more like a rut. Those ruts seem boring, tired and old. But it is in the depth and beauty of these long relationships that the beauty of Christ's love is actually found. When we can begin to find the beauty of Christ's love for the 2000 year old church, we begin to treasure the length of our relationship with one woman or one man for so many years.*

### Digging Deeper

Which of these old TV families reflects the way everyone gets along in your family: The Bradys? Cleavers? Waltons? Cosbys? Beverly Hillbillies? Why?

What does it mean to submit ourselves to one another out of reverence for Christ (see Ephesians Chapter 5, verse 21)? Do the following verses from the Book of Romans provide us any ideas: Romans 12:10, 16; 13:8; 14:13 and 15:7?

Wives: What makes it easy for you to submit to your husband as provided in verse 22?

Husbands: What makes it easy for you to love your wife as provided in verse 25?

What are the responsibilities of wives toward their husbands? (22-24)

What is revealed about the relation of Christ to His church? (23)

What are the responsibilities of husbands toward their wives? (25-31)

A recent study shows that “a large wedding makes for a stronger marriage.” The study shows that couples who share their wedding day with a large group experience a greater sense of support and commitment. Why do you think this is important in our culture today?

Christ's love led him to die for us. What would it mean for a husband to live with his wife with this type of love?

What specific things about today's culture are at odds with the concepts of a wife submitting to her husband and a husband loving his wife as provided here in Chapter 5 of the Book of Ephesians?

### Moving Forward

Considering this week's teaching and group discussion, what can your table group do or pray for you?

If you would like to talk with a minister, please call (270) 765-4994 to set up an appointment or contact:

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