



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 at (270) 765-4994 or 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 at (270) 765-4994 or doug@fccetown.com.



“STILL WORKS” – Leadership That Works (1 Thessalonians 3; 5:12-13; Acts 6:3-4; 14:23)
September 7, 2014 – TABLE GROUP GUIDE

Begin by reading the devotion inside the bulletin. This is also posted online on facebook.com/fcctown and at 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 and watch Sunday’s sermon prior to meeting with your weekly table group.

Technology, trends and methods change in all walks of life. From sports uniforms to military uniforms, progress happens. From communication to navigation, progress happens. From science to mathematics, progress happens. And within the church, progress happens. There are new worship songs, new curriculum, new buildings, and new forms of communication that we want to take advantage of all the time. But there are also standards and structures that must remain the same. Why? Because God said so! At First Christian Church we seek to follow a leadership structure that was defined by God in the New Testament and established as a successful model for our mission as a church. Where do the positions of elders, deacons and staff members fit in the church of 2014? Exactly as God designed them 2000 years ago.

Digging Deeper

As a child, how did you treat those in authority over you: Your babysitter? Your first teacher? Your first coach? How did they treat you? Do you enjoy being in authority over others? Why or Why not?

Read 1 Timothy 3

What are the top three qualities you look for in a leader?

In light of the struggle with false teachers (1 Timothy 1:3-7), why is Timothy given this list of qualifications for leadership in chapter 3?

Why a list of *qualifications* only and not *duties* also?

Why are all these qualifications *outward*, not *inward*, in orientation?

How will the Ephesian church change if these standards are applied to its leaders?

In our culture today, how can these standards help keep the church aligned with God’s design?

Although applied specifically to leaders here, why are these qualities important for all Christians (read verses 14-15)?

Of these qualities, what are two or three you have made progress with in this past year? In which area do you want to grow now?

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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