



"Life On Mission" – Share (1 Peter 3:15)  
November 9, 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.

Even if we are reaching out in imperfect ways, the impact of authentic love is so unique to the normal experiences of most people, they become intrigued. And because Jesus is the way, the truth, the life and the only way to the Father, we need to help people understand that truth. God asks us to be bold and initiate the conversation. But it doesn't have to be scary. We can share the Gospel in a relevant way when we simply tell our own story. We need to be ready to share our own experiences and state clearly how Jesus has changed our lives.

### Digging Deeper

*MEMORY VERSE: 1 Peter 3:15* (Read before answering the following questions)

Who is the first person you call or text when you want to share good news? Why?

What's the weirdest thing someone has shared with you lately?

Who explained the Good News about Jesus to you? How did they do it? What was your initial response?

Share a time when you experienced hope that only came to you through Jesus?

What do you think keeps people from talking about Jesus or sharing the Gospel?

Each of us is automatically an expert on our own story and experiences. But most people aren't necessarily ready to hear the "epic" version of our stories. What do you think are the most important parts of your story (how you came to follow Jesus and how you experience hope through Jesus)?

Read John 9:25. When the blind man was asked a question that he didn't know how to answer, he simply said, "I don't know." How does it relieve your fears to hear that "I don't know" is an acceptable way to answer a question about God?

Who is one person in your life who seems to be curious about spiritual matters? Spend a little time praying for that person and for the opportunity to share the "two-minute" version of your story sometime soon.

### 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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**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](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 at (270) 765-4994 or [doug@fccetown.com](mailto:doug@fccetown.com).