



One Thing You Lack (Mark 10:17-31)  
January 4, 2015 - 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](https://fcctown.com/media.php) under the sermon video. If you were unable to attend worship on Sunday, please go to [fcctown.com](https://fcctown.com) and watch Sunday's sermon prior to meeting with your weekly table group.

### Talk About

If you were awakened one night, told you had to evacuate immediately and would never be able to return, what three items would you try to save?

Why did you choose the job you are in? (Was it for: the money, fulfillment, the chance to make a contribution, etc?)

Within the Church we often have our own personal "pet peeve sins." These sins are the ones that we find disgusting and are often quite judgmental of persons who commit these sins. What are some of these types of sins? (Examples could include adultery, homosexuality, pornography, being abusive, drug addiction, etc.). We often excuse other sins for our own convenience. Can you think of some of these types of sins? (Examples may include lack of self-discipline, lying on taxes, gossip, overeating and neglecting the poor). The rich young ruler was a good man, but there was an area of his life that he was not letting Jesus have total lordship over. Sometimes we need someone to help us see an area in our life that needs surrendered to Jesus.

### Digging Deeper

Read Mark 10:17-31

Why do you think the rich young man asked the question in verse 17? What might have been missing in his life? How would we have answered this man's question?

Read verse 21 again. What does this verse indicate about Jesus' emotions toward this young man?

Do you think Jesus' response to the man showed love? How did Jesus show His love for this man?

Read Luke 12:15-21, 32-34. What does verse 32 indicate about God's affection toward His children?

Why did Jesus choose the area of possessions for this man to forsake?

Why is it so hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven (vv. 23-25)?

Respond to this statement: Jesus gives commands, not considerations. As followers of Christ, we do not consider options, but as followers of Christ we obey.

What choices did Jesus leave with this man?

What are your top three priorities in life right now?

If Jesus were to evaluate your life, what would he say holds you back from being totally committed to God?

Name one thing you can do this week to let go a material things and embrace God's kingdom more fully?

### Moving Forward

Considering this week's teaching and group discussion, what can your 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).