



TABLE GROUPS

Summer is a time for family reunions, vacations, swimming, amusement parks, and traveling. For many, routine is lost amidst the array of activity. This summer discover one simple routine that will help ensure that your faith does not go on vacation: Regularly meet around a table with a small group of family and/or friends to investigate the personal application of Sunday's sermon.

What is the purpose 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.



SUPER HUMAN – Samson: *You're Never Too Old* (Judges 16:1-22, 1 Peter 5:8)
July 13, 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

If you attended worship on Sunday, share with your group the following:

- 1) What was the most meaningful part of worship for you?
- 2) What part of your worship did you hope God appreciated?

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.

For 20 years, Samson served Israel well and leaned into God's plan and purpose for his life. We skip over that part in the story too quickly. Samson got on track with God for 2 decades and served God and Israel as a leader who was no longer led by pride, arrogance, rage or envy that ruled his younger life. But . . . "Then, One Day. . ." One day he took a step away from God. One Day, in one moment, in one series of events, he took step after step away from God and the Kryptonite was let back in. You're never too old to fall back into the old traps.

Digging Deeper

What is it about our human nature that causes us *not* to guard against the small steps that lead toward ruin? Why do we even need this reminder, when it seems so obvious?

After twenty years of good leadership and integrity, why do you think a man like Samson would just head over to Gaza (enemy territory – and the "red light district" of his day) and sleep with a prostitute?

1 Corinthians 10:12 says: *So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!*

In Samson's case, twenty years of good behavior didn't solidify his character enough to prevent a moral fall. What do you think can keep us from a similar fate?

The first dangerous step Samson took was to taunt his enemy – to enter enemy territory and act as if he were invulnerable. In what ways do we often find ourselves engaging in risky, spiritual-enemy-taunting behavior?

The second dangerous step Samson took was to rationalize his sin. What rationalizations of sin are we prone to make?

Like Samson, all of us are prone to take a step away from God at times. What step can you take to ensure that you keep walking toward God?

Moving Forward

Considering this week's biblical principle, group discussion, and the step(s) you recognize you need to take. What can your table group do or pray for you?

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