



## 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](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).



**SUPER HUMAN – Samson: Even Heroes Repent (Judges 16:23-31)**  
July 20, 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](https://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](https://fcctown.com) and watch Sunday's sermon prior to meeting with your weekly table group.

You're never too old to repent. When everyone had left Samson, when it all seemed lost, Samson found favor in the eyes of the Lord. He found the path of forgiveness that led him back to God and was used by God one last time to rescue Israel; the task for which his life was created. His strength returned because of his heart not his hair.

### **Digging Deeper**

What's a recent mistake that you made, and what are you learning from it?

"Our greatest fear is failure and greatest pain is regret." What is your reaction to that statement? If you have a different greatest fear or greatest pain, what is it for you?

Of the two responses to failure – remorse or repentance – which are you more likely to do? Why do you think you go more toward that one?

Proverbs 24:16 says, "Though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again, but the wicked stumble when calamity strikes." If someone is righteous, why does he fall so much? And how is that any different from what happens to the wicked?

What light does II Corinthians 12:9-10 shed on this issue?

What weakness in you has God used to show His power?

Like Samson, we too have been created to be warriors. Samson fell many times, but he repented and God used him one last time to fulfill the purpose of his life. What fear is keeping you from being the warrior God made you to be?

When we fall, remorse is needed but repentance moves us toward God and repentance requires action. What action step can you take today to move you closer to 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?

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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