



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.



"BORING" - Chasing Donkeys (I Samuel 9)
July 27, 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.

God shows up in the mundane and ordinary parts of life. Saul was out searching for his family's donkey when he "coincidentally" found Samuel who was waiting to anoint Saul King. All of the "coincidences" in our life that seem to happen in the mundane, normal and ordinary times may very well be the movements of an extraordinary God getting you in line with his path and will for your life.

Digging Deeper

Share the consistent activities in your "normal" day?

Who are the people you are "with" during a "normal" day?

I Samuel 9:2 - "Kish had a son named Saul, as handsome a young man as could be found anywhere in Israel, and he was a head taller than anyone else." What physical advantage does Saul have over his peers? How might that impress others with his "electability"?

I Samuel 9:6 - "But the servant said, "I've just thought of something! There is a man of God who lives here in this town. He is held in high honor by all the people because everything he says comes true. Let's go find him. Perhaps he can tell us which way to go." What distinguishes a "man of God"?

How does Saul react to Samuel's news that God has chosen him?

v. 21 - Saul replied, "But I'm only from the tribe of Benjamin, the smallest tribe in Israel, and my family is the least important of all the families of that tribe! Why are you talking like this to me?"

If you had been in Saul's sandals at this point, how would you consider this news, given the events of the past 24 hours?

Romans 8:28 - "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." When has God used events, good or bad, to bring you to a point where He could bless you or use you for His purpose?

Are there any signs that you are to be like Saul - "changed into a different person"? What attitude is especially important for you to maintain in the transition period?

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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