



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 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 (270) 765-4994 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 (270) 765-4994 doug@fccetown.com.



"BORING" - Casual Conversation (Acts 9:10-19)
August 17, 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.

Not only does God select and call people who will serve him in a visible and public way, but also those who will support His work behind the scenes – like the little known Ananias of Damascus. You never know when and where God will seek to use you to change a life. Not only do you not know the when and where, but you may even find it offensive or at the very least boring. Sometimes, it's in the most usual, boring or uninteresting setting that you are given opportunities to share His truth and His love. But will you do it?

Digging Deeper

Have you ever experienced a totally unexpected visit, phone call or acknowledgement from a very important person? If so, share briefly your experience.

Read Acts 9:10-14

Ananias doubted and gave excuses for not going to visit Saul, but he went. What is the opposite of doubt and making excuses? How do you personally deal with doubt? What's the most common excuse you give to doing God's will?

How did Ananias respond to God's call?

What's the bravest action you've seen or heard a follower of Jesus do?

Read verse 17. What is significant about the way Ananias addresses Saul?

Saul becomes famous, but we never hear of Ananias again: Why did God involve him at all?

How did God first get your attention? Was it in some dramatic event like this or a quieter, more natural way?

What types of people do you assume are beyond God's reach so that, if God spoke to you about them, you would question Him? How does this story challenge those assumptions?

When have you, like Ananias, obeyed the Lord even when you had doubts about it? What happened?

Who has played the role of Ananias in your life? To whom does the Lord want you to play that part?

What actions can you take this week to ensure that you are "alert" to God's leading, even in the "boring"?

WHERE might God be at work to connect you to someone needing to know Him or His love?

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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