



"Life on Mission" – GROW (Romans 12:2)  
November 16, 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

- 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](https://fcctown.com) and watch Sunday's sermon prior to meeting with your weekly table group.

When you change and grow into someone who is more like Jesus—someone who is more loving, patient and kind than ever before—people notice. It's not a matter of focusing on self-improvement and trying to change ourselves. It's about inviting God in, turning it all over to Him and asking Him to do the heavy lifting. We are called to be disciples of Jesus, this means we are to develop daily habits that help us to be more like Him as we continually rely on Him and learn from His example. Meanwhile, we are also called to make disciples and help them do the same.

### Digging Deeper

*MEMORY VERSE: Romans 12:2* (Read before answering the following questions)

What is one idea or challenge you have taken away from this Life on Mission series so far?

Do you have a green thumb? Share with the group any gardening successes (or failures) you have experienced.

Has there been a spiritual mentor in your life? If so, how has that helped you to grow?

Can you describe a time when you grew as a result of helping someone else grow or understand Jesus better?

What spiritual disciplines or practices help to connect you with the Holy Spirit and train you for godliness? How does that help you "put the Gospel on display" for others?

Evangelism and discipleship are not two different things we do, but each of them are a part of one process; that of making disciples. What happens when we separate evangelism and discipleship?

Read Galatians 5:22-23. From the list of Fruits of the Spirit, identify one you wish were more evident in your life. What are you going to do this week to grow in the area you identified?

As you grow in this area, how will this empower you to help others grow?

Who in your life are you one step ahead of and currently discipling? If you are having a difficult time coming up with a name, commit to praying and watching for an opportunity to help someone grow as a Christ-follower.

### 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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**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).