



"Life on Mission" – PRAY (Acts 1:4 & 8, 2:1-4)  
November 23, 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.

Finding God's heart for the world starts with prayer because it moves us from our perspective to His perspective. It allows us to invite God into our concerns, needs and desires. Also, it makes us realize that our compassion and care for our neighbors is only a hint of what God feels toward them. Without God's help, which we access through prayer, our mission will surely fail. Instead of prayer being the last thing we do after we have exhausted all other means, let's put it front and center, where it belongs. Prayer is a central, consistent means to bring God's power to bear on every life we touch.

### Digging Deeper

MEMORY VERSE: *Ephesians 6:18* (Read before answering the following questions)

What opportunity did God give you last week to help someone GROW in his or her faith?

Today we are going to focus on prayer. Have you ever prayed about the outcome of a sporting event? Discuss!

When you were growing up, how did you pray (if you prayed at all)? How has your understanding of prayer changed over the years?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV) – *"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* How can you begin to make prayer a habit or automatic reaction in times of both difficulty and joy?

Have you ever been mad at God for not saying yes to one of your prayers, only to realize later God's plan was far better than what you wanted?

Tell the group about a time someone prayed for you in a moment of need and you felt God's presence more powerfully as a result.

As followers of Jesus, we are promised the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit empowers us to do more than we could on our own. What are you doing today that you could not do apart from the power of God?

Read Luke 10:02 – Stuart asked us to set our alarms to 10:02 and pray specifically for the Lord of the Harvest to send workers. Will you?

Six months from now, what do you think you will be doing differently as a result of being a part of this study?

### 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).
- 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).