

other found at your family holiday tables. Response? How do we resist becoming insular?

## A Cruciform Family

The Church is a cruciform family committed to cruciform love. How does John help us understand "church" by placing its formation at the foot of the cross?

### Our Common Practices

Early on we discovered that folk didn't know what was expected of them as participants in the story of Table Life Church. We came up with a list of "Common Practices." These are the practices of the Christian faith we consider fundamental to what it means to follow Jesus.

#### **We Gather**

We gather for worship on Sundays more often than not.  
We gather in smaller groups to connect, learn, and grow.  
We create hospitable space for one another.

#### **We Grow**

We attend the means of grace daily. (i.e. We attend to the presence of God through Scripture reading and meditation, prayer on behalf of others and myself, breath prayer, spiritual reading and study . . .).  
We nurture our faith.  
We attend to relationships that promote growth.  
We develop and learn as human beings made in the image of God.

#### **We Give**

We are a generous people who give our time and resources to the mission of God in the world.  
We tithe as the means through which our community enjoys fiscal health so as to minister generously.

#### **We Go**

We follow Jesus into the world as His healing presence.  
We help the vulnerable among us.  
We go into the world offering Jesus' invitation to gather at His table.

For your calendar!

## TRAINING FOR ALL NURSERY, CHILDREN, AND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS!

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This is important and mandatory training for anyone working with minors at Table Life Church! We will be covering child safety policies and practices, vision for ministry, and much more!

**MARCH 10, 2018  
9 AM - 3 PM**

 

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# TABLELIFE CHURCH



Order of Worship

4 March 2018

The Third Sunday in Lent

## We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

Worship Reading

## We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Scripture Reading: John 19.25b-27

Sermon Three: "Here is Your Mother"

## We Come to the Table

Passing the Peace of Christ

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

We Eat and Drink Together

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life

Gossiping the Good Stuff

Doxology

Blessing and Sending

***If you are a guest with us today,***

***Please take time to fill out a***

***Connection Card.***

Please visit us on our website,

[www.tablelifefchurch.org](http://www.tablelifefchurch.org) for details of events.

Also you will find, Worship folders, online giving and you can also send prayer request to the prayer chain.

## COMING SOON

Mar 10 Youth and Children's Teacher Meeting	9:00AM
Mar 11 Day Light Savings Time	2:00AM
Mar 11 Market Street Breakfast Ministry	7:24AM
Mar 13 Team and Board Meetings	6:30PM
Mar 18 Common Meal	12:30PM

[Official Church Calendar ~ www.tablelifefchurch.org/calendar](http://www.tablelifefchurch.org/calendar)

## Sermon Reflection Guide

### John 19.25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

### Question for Everyone

(1) I am/was a source of great pain for my parents. (10) I am/was only a source of joy to my parents. Where are you on this range?

### Broken Families

Most of the really tragic stuff that happens to us happens within the context of the family. Many people I serve bring deep pain into my study and that pain is often the result of a family tragedy, sometimes a death, an unreconciled relationship, or abuse. Do you come from a broken family or a healthy family? What is the source(s) of brokenness or division in your family of origin? How did/does your family of origin deal with disagreement?

### Mother's Day on Good Friday?

Early on in church history, people like St. Augustine witnessed in this moment a son's love and care for his mother. Certainly this is true. There has been more than one Christian over the years that, after hearing these words, sense the Spirit's conviction to take better care of

their parents. What might taking better care of your parents look like?

### "Here is Your Mother, Here is Your Son"

"Jesus, the one who so disrupted conventional families, is, on the cross, forming a new family. In baptism we are rescued from our family. In baptism we are adopted into a family large enough to make our lives more interesting. Church is where we are thrown together with a bunch of strangers and forced to call these people with whom we have no natural affinity, nothing in common, 'brother,' 'sister'" (William Willimon). Response? Does this challenge your current understanding and practice of "church?"

### A New Creation Family

That's what Jesus does; he expands the boundaries of family beyond biology and blood. This is happening here at Table Life Church. New Creation relationships are budding all around; younger women are discovering older sisters, older men are discovering younger brothers. One of the truly great things about a inter-generational church is that young folk who need extra support in navigating life can find deep resources in spiritual mothers and fathers. Grandparents can find new grandchildren to spoil and give back to their parents. Can you name new creation familial relationships that have formed or are forming here at our church?

### Like a Family, But Not Exactly

The church is called to resist fallen human tendencies to create tribal identities around biology and blood and to extend the boundaries of divine hospitality to all potential family members. This is precisely the good work of the Church, to extend the boundaries of divine hospitality to a whole of host of folk who have yet to find their place at Jesus' table. This is not to say that we want you to abandon and forsake your families of biology and adoption to enter the church like some weird cult. We want to affirm and support loving, faithful marriages. We want to help you love the painful