

one to death or a shattered relationship. I suppose the greatest and hardest thing about being a human is losing things that you never hope to find again. Talk about your experience of loss. How has this experience formed you?

### Looking for God

Some even look for God in T.V. evangelists. That, by the way, would be the last place I would look. You're not going to find the God of the incarnation through a screen. God is always and forever looking for flesh through which to do God's work. Response? Where are you looking for God? Where do you find God?

Notes

# Christian Formation

WINTER 2020  
Starting January 5th

**Adult Classes:** Sunday Mornings at 9:45

Frank Myers/ Room 103- The Blue Parakeet: Rethinking How You Read the Bible by: Scot McKnight; ISBN-13: 978-0310331667

Jeffery Wolfe/ Sanctuary-Church History: The Seven Councils that Shaped Our Faith.

Ben Hodge/Library- A Guide to Prayer. Prayer and Reflection Group

Rob Kazee/Room 108—Table Life 101. Church Membership Class.

**Children and Youth:** Sunday Mornings at 9:45

Fuse (Youth) Sunday School/ Room 203

The Kid's Table: Preschool/ Room107 and Elementary Sunday School/ Room105

Jan 11  
New Hope  
Red Team

Check your  
Church directory  
For new faces!

At the Cross  
Recovery  
Tonight @  
6:30PM

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9:45 AM - 10:45 AM Sunday School  
11 AM - 12:30 PM Worship Service

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Order of Worship  
29 December 2019

First Sunday of Christmas

## We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music  
Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Worship Reading

## We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer  
Offering  
Sermon: "Losing Jesus"  
Scripture Readings: Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-52

## We Come to the Table

Passing the Peace of Christ  
Song of preparation  
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

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Please take time to fill out a  
Connection Card as you leave.  
Thank You!***

Please visit us on our website,  
[www.tablelifechurch.org](http://www.tablelifechurch.org) for details of events.

Also you will find, Worship folders, Church Calendar, more about our  
ministries and online giving.

## COMING SOON

Dec 29 At the Cross Recovery	6:30PM
Jan 1 New Years Day 2020	*****
Jan 5 Winter Christian Formation Classes began	9:45AM
Jan 5 At the Cross Recovery	6:30PM
Jan 9 Senior/Retiree Luncheon	12:00PM
Jan 11 New Hope Red Team	9:00AM
Jan 12 Market Street Breakfast Ministry	7:25AM

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

## Sermon Reflection Guide

### Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### Luke 2.41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. 43 When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. 44 Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple,

sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." 49 He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 But they did not understand what he said to them. 51 Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

## Question for Everyone

(1) I am constantly losing things because I'm always in my head. (10) I rarely lose things because I'm always mindful of the present moment. Where are you on this range?

## Lost

Have you ever lost something precious or important to you? Tell the Story

## Finding Jesus in His Story

When Christians celebrate Christmas, they celebrate the Day of the Lord's coming and therefore, the coming of the reign of God on Earth. It is essential, if we are to understand and celebrate the birth and life of Jesus, that we hear the story of Jesus on its' own, very Hebrew terms. This is also essential if we desire to follow Jesus faithfully toward his vision of a healed and resurrected world. How might it change the way you practice the Christian faith if you embraced Jesus as the "healer of the world?"

## Lost and Found

Chances are, if you want to connect with another human being, all you really have to do is recount your losses. Everyone has lost somebody, a loved