

# TABLE TALK



**2pm Mondays  
on Facebook  
& YouTube!**

**Further discussion  
about the most recent  
Sunday Message.**

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Order of Worship  
1 August 2021  
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

## We Gather to Worship God

Welcome  
Worship in Song  
Call to Worship from Psalm 78  
Worship in Song

## We Listen to the Scriptures

Prayer  
Sermon Series: Underdog  
Sermon: The Struggling Underdog

## We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration  
The Lord's Prayer  
We Eat and Drink Together  
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

## We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life  
Gossiping the Good Stuff  
Doxology

## New Here? Need Prayer?

Please fill out a  
connection card  
located in the seats  
in front of you  
or online:

[tablelifechurch.org/  
online-connection-card](http://tablelifechurch.org/online-connection-card)

## Tithes & Offerings

### 4 Ways to Give



In-person at church: the  
blue offering baskets  
are in the church lobby.



By mail:  
617 16th Street  
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Online via PayPal:  
[tablelifechurch.org/giving](http://tablelifechurch.org/giving)



Contact your bank for  
regular tithe checks to  
be mailed to the church.

If you have questions about tithes & offerings, contact the church office at [office@tablelifechurch.org](mailto:office@tablelifechurch.org)

## ALL CHURCH COMMON MEAL

Sunday, August 15th after Worship  
at the Gathering Place

Bring a "heritage"  
dish and/or  
dessert to share.



THERE'S ROOM AT THE TABLE FOR YOU!

Our mission is to learn the way of  
Jesus together as we invite others  
to join us at His Table.

### Our Common Practices

#### We Gather

We gather for worship 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 and 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.

## The Struggling Underdog

Pastor Kris Beckert

Philippians 1:12-24

What star athlete, artist, movie character, or everyday  
person stands out to you because of their powerful  
backstory?

Philippians 1:12 *Now I want you to know, brothers  
and sisters, that what has happened to me has  
actually served to advance the gospel*

### I. Struggles \_\_\_\_\_

Phil 1:13 *As a result, it has become clear throughout  
the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I  
am in chains for Christ.*

- Revealed Christ both \_\_\_\_\_ &  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Paul's impact --

### II. Struggles \_\_\_\_\_

Philippians 1:14-18a *And because of my chains, most  
of the brothers and sisters have become confident in  
the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel  
without fear. <sup>15</sup> It is true that some preach Christ out of  
envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. <sup>16</sup> The  
latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here  
for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former preach  
Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing*

*that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. <sup>18</sup> But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.*

The believers “dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear”

- Some out of \_\_\_\_\_
- Some out of \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Struggles \_\_\_\_\_

*Philippians 1:18b-24 Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and God’s provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. <sup>20</sup> I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! <sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.*

Big Idea: \_\_\_\_\_

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



1. Review your recent social media posts and conversations with others. When have you hidden the “real story” going on behind the carefully crafted words, photo, or story?
2. Have you ever been honest about the struggle you’re facing—with a friend, with yourself, or with God? Where do you need courage to take a step?
3. How have you seen or experienced God’s grace in the midst of struggle?
4. When has someone’s struggle inspired you to do something? How might revealing your struggle inspire someone to follow God’s call or encounter Christ?
5. How do you imagine seeing God’s deliverance from your current struggle? How might God use the struggles in your backstory for your good and for His glory?

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