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Order of Worship
26 September 2021
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

## Baptism/Dedication Liturgy

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## We Listen to the Scriptures

Prayer

Sermon Series: Open Table Sermon: Episode 3 "Enough"

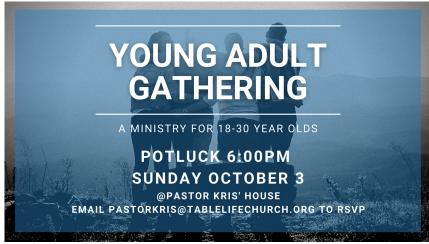
#### We Come to the Table

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

## We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending







# 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.

## Open Table

Episode 3: "Enough" Pastor Kris Beckert Luke 9:10-17

Have feelings of inadequacy ever prevented you from being obedient to God?

Luke 9:10-17

When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, 11 but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing. 12 Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here." <sup>13</sup> He replied, "You give them something to eat." They answered, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd." 14 (About five thousand men were there.) But he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." 15 The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. 16 Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. 17 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

I. The Context:  1. Only miracle story in all  2. Jesus is on his way to  3. Crowds follow
<ul> <li>II. The Timing: <ol> <li>Our greatest will come at the most inconvenient times</li> <li>What we need to do the most is what we often the most.</li> <li>Jesus calls disciples to become</li> </ol> </li></ul>
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III. Overcoming Inadequacy: 1. Offer 2. Give 3. Let
Where do you find yourself in the story?
Big Idea:

## Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



- 1. In what area(s) of life and/or faith do you feel inadequate?
- 2. Is hosting others at your table something you enjoy or avoid? Why?
- 3. When has God provided a great opportunity at an inconvenient time? What did you do about it?
- 4. Do you feel that your dependence on Christ has grown, remained unchanged, or diminished in the last two years? Why?
- 5. What do you have to offer that you're underestimating or not seeing?
- 6. What have you received from Christ and the Church that you'd want someone else to experience? What can you do about it?

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email *pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org* or call 717-774-6444 to set up an appointment.

