

TABLE TALK



**2pm Mondays
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Further discussion
about the most recent
Sunday Message.

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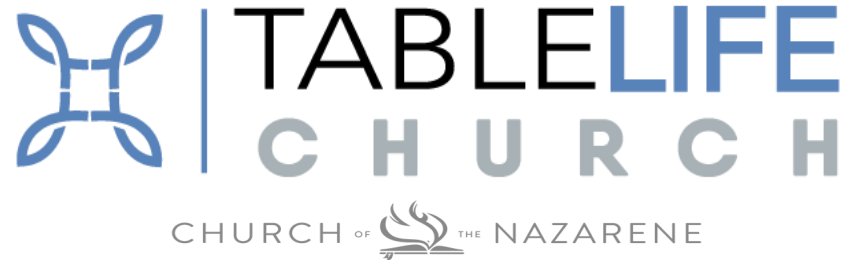
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Order of Worship
10 October 2021

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome
Worship in Song
Call to Worship
Worship in Song

We Listen to the Scriptures

Prayer
Sermon Series: Open Table
Sermon: Episode 5 "Agenda"

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

A poster for "Fire Pit Friday" with a dark blue background and a fire pit illustration at the top. The text is in yellow and white. It lists activities like hot dogs, s'mores, and games, and provides the date and time: Friday, October 15, 6:00 PM. It also includes a note about bringing lawn chairs and inviting friends.

FIRE PIT FRIDAY
HOT DOGS • S'MORES • GAMES
FRIDAY | A FUN NIGHT FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD!
OCTOBER 15 | BRING A LAWN CHAIR.
6:00 PM | INVITE A FRIEND.

A poster for a "Common Meal Tailgate Party!" with a red and white color scheme. It features a central illustration of a grill. Text boxes specify the date as Sunday, Oct. 17th after worship, and the location as the Gathering Place Parking Lot. It encourages bringing a lawn chair and a dish to share, and includes a car icon and the phrase "There's a place at the table for you!"

COMMON MEAL
Tailgate Party!
SUNDAY, OCT. 17TH AFTER WORSHIP
GATHERING PLACE PARKING LOT
BRING A LAWN CHAIR AND A DISH TO SHARE
THERE'S A PLACE AT THE TABLE FOR YOU!

A poster for "Church Workday" with an orange background and white text. It features a stylized white icon of a church building on the right. The text announces the event on Saturday, Oct. 23rd at 9am, and lists that lunch will be served. It provides contact information for questions: office@tablelifechurch.org.

CHURCH WORKDAY
Saturday Oct. 23rd • 9am
• Lunch will be served
• Questions? Contact:
office@tablelifechurch.org

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



1. "Every conflict boils down to this: we're not getting what we want." Do you agree? How does this change your perception of conflict?
2. What about Jesus' approach to conflict do you admire?
3. How important is it to you to be right? What has it cost?
4. Does lifting others up come naturally to you? In what area do you struggle with self-righteousness or one-upping someone?
5. Have you ever regretted declining an invitation? In what ways has your own agenda taken priority in your life? Where do you need to be more open to what God wants to do?
6. Do you see yourself moving and growing towards Christ, standing still, or drifting away right now? What change is warranted?

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.

Open Table Episode 5: "Agenda" Pastor Kris Beckert Luke 14:1-24

What is your gut reaction to conflict?

The Three Tables



[recipients]



[hosts]



[guests]

Conflict #1:

The Recipients' Agenda-- _____
Jesus' Agenda -- _____

Luke 14:1-6. One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. ²There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. ³Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way. ⁵Then he asked them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?" ⁶And they had nothing to say.

Conflict #2:

The Hosts' Agenda-- _____

Jesus' Agenda -- _____

Luke 14:7-14. When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸ “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” ¹² Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Conflict #3:

The Guests' Agenda-- _____

Jesus' Agenda -- _____

Luke 14:15-24 When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one

who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁶ Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ ¹⁸ “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’ ¹⁹ “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’ ²⁰ “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’ ²¹ “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’ ²² “‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’ ²³ “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴ I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’

Where do you find yourself in the story?

Big Idea: _____

