

TABLE TALK



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

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Order of Worship
19 December 2021
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome
Worship in Song
Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Worship in Song

We Listen to the Scriptures

Prayer
Sermon Series: Illuminate
Sermon: "Making Room for the Light"

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
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.

Illuminate

“Making Room for the Light”

Pastor Kris Beckert

Who is your favorite Christmas pageant character?

John 1:5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Luke 2:1-7 At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. ² (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. ⁴ And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. ⁵ He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. ⁷ She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no inn available for them.

I. The “Innkeeper”

- Greek word *kataluma* (Luke 2:7, 22:11)--
- There was no _____, only a _____
- The “innkeeper” was really a _____
- The “innkeeper” actually showed _____

II. What does it mean to “make room?”

1. Making room means _____
2. Making room requires _____
3. Making room values _____

“Into this world, this demented inn, in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ comes uninvited” –Thomas Merton

4. Making room entails _____

Big Idea: _____

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



1. How would you define “hospitality?” What do you usually think about?
2. How does the view of the “innkeeper” given in the message change your perception of the Christmas story?
3. Do you feel you have enough margin in your life? What can you declutter from your life to create room for Christ?
4. What routine change could help you make more room for Christ and others?
5. What tasks are getting in the way of you connecting with others and with Christ this season?
6. When has someone’s invitation to you had a big impact on you? Why? Who has God placed in your life that needs an invitation this season?

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.

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