

# TABLE TALK



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Order of Worship  
6 February 2022

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

## **We Gather to Worship God**

Welcome  
Worship in Song  
Call to Worship  
Worship in Song

## **We Listen to the Scriptures**

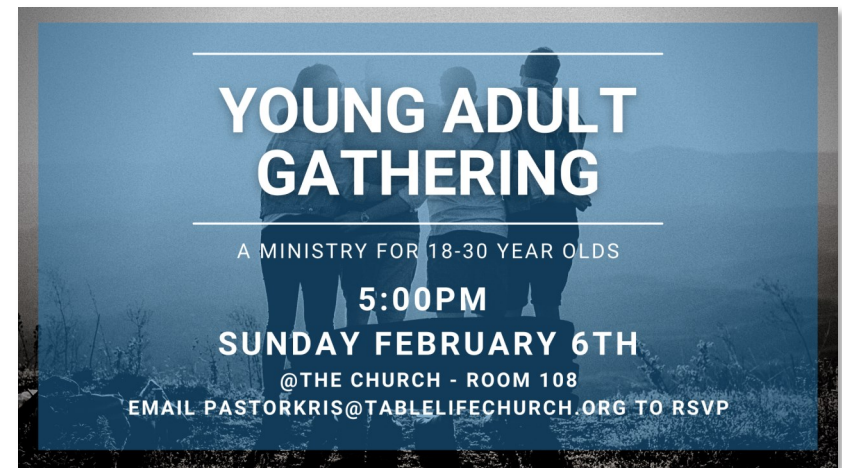
Prayer  
Sermon Series: Start Dreaming Again  
Sermon: Part Six - "Never in Your Wildest Dreams"

## **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.

# Start Dreaming Again

## Part Six-“Never in Your Wildest Dreams”

### Pastor Kris Beckert

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### Two Stories at the Same Time:

1. Lower Story –
2. Upper Story--

### I. The Lower Story: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_Famine

*Genesis 41:56-57* When the famine had spread over the whole country, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout Egypt. <sup>57</sup> And all the world came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe everywhere.

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_Famine

*Genesis 42:1-5* When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, “Why do you just keep looking at each other?” <sup>2</sup> He continued, “I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die.” <sup>3</sup> Then ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. <sup>4</sup> But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with the others, because he was afraid that harm might come to him. <sup>5</sup> So Israel's sons were among those who went to buy grain, for there was famine in the land of Canaan also.

### II. The Upper Story: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1. Involving \_\_\_\_\_

*Genesis 42:6-9* Now Joseph was the governor of the land, the person who sold grain to all its people. So when

Joseph's brothers arrived, they bowed down to him with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup> As soon as Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he pretended to be a stranger and spoke harshly to them. "Where do you come from?" he asked. "From the land of Canaan," they replied, "to buy food."<sup>8</sup> Although Joseph recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him. <sup>9</sup> Then he remembered his dreams about them...

## 2. Involving \_\_\_\_\_

- Forgiveness is not:
- Forgiveness is:

Genesis 42:13. But they replied, "Your servants were twelve brothers, the sons of one man, who lives in the land of Canaan. The youngest is now with our father, and one is no more."

Genesis 42:21-23. They said to one another, "Surely we are being punished because of our brother. We saw how distressed he was when he pleaded with us for his life, but we would not listen; that's why this distress has come on us." <sup>22</sup> Reuben replied, "Didn't I tell you not to sin against the boy? But you wouldn't listen! Now we must give an accounting for his blood." <sup>23</sup> They did not realize that Joseph could understand them, since he was using an interpreter.

- Forgiveness requires:

Colossians 3:13-14 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

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

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



1. What difference does it make to believe in and live out an Upper Story versus just a Lower Story?
2. Who do you identify with most in this part of the story (Jacob, Joseph, brothers) and why?
3. Do you have more difficulty recognizing how God has forgiven you, asking for forgiveness, or forgiving others?
4. Think about a time (past or present) that you faced a decision on forgiving someone. What held you back? How would extending forgiveness change your perspective on the other person or the situation?
5. How is the forgiveness you have received from God reflected in your actions and reactions?
6. Who in your life do you need to make the first move towards regarding forgiveness?

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## New Here? Need Prayer?

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

