

TABLE TALK



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

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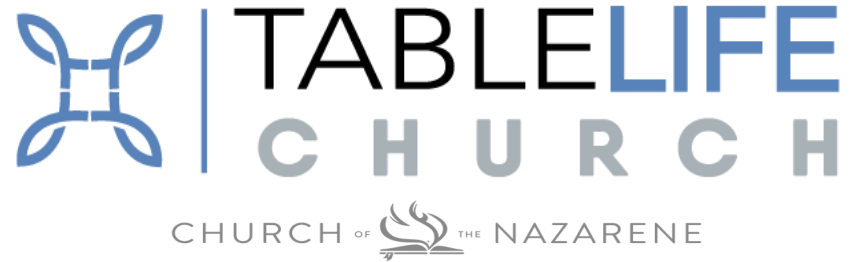
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Order of Worship
7 August 2022
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome
Worship in Song
Call to Worship
Worship in Song

We Listen to the Word

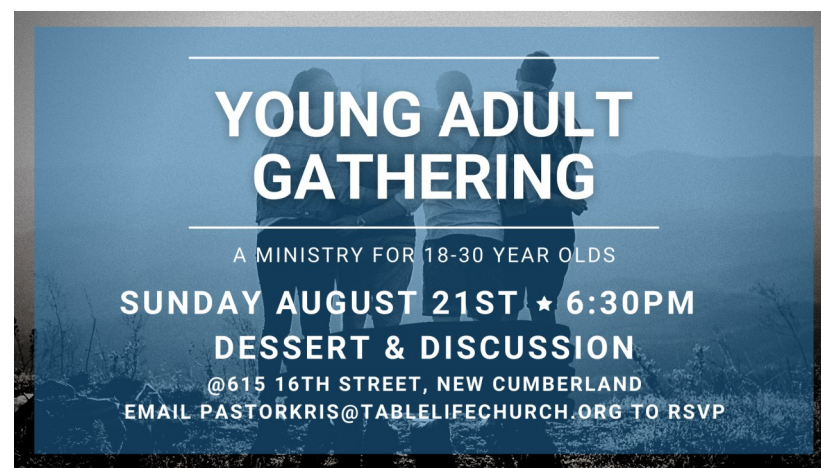
Prayer
Sermon Series: Story Time-The Parables of Jesus
Sermon: "The Bridesmaids"

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



NOTES

Story Time: The Parables of Jesus

"The Bridesmaids"

Pastor Kris Beckert

How do your expectations shape your reality?

Matthew 25:1-13 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ⁶ "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' ⁷ "Then all the bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' ⁹ "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰ "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The bridesmaids who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. ¹¹ "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!' ¹² "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.' ¹³ "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

I. The Parable as an _____

- The Bridegroom = _____
- The Bridesmaids = _____
- The Delay = _____
- The Arrival = _____
- Oil in Lamps = _____

II. The Parable's Emphasis: _____

- The Wise Bridesmaids _____ the Bridegroom but looked foolish
- The Foolish Bridesmaids _____ the Bridegroom

How do your expectations shape your _____?

"Haul yourself up a hundred and one times a day in order to do it, until you get into the habit of putting God first and calculating with Him in view" – Oswald Chambers

Big Idea: _____

Doggy Bag- Some questions to chew on:



1. This parable comes at the end of Jesus' earthly ministry. Why do you think he emphasized what he did?
2. Have you ever heard this parable before? If so, what was the interpretation? How was today's sermon similar or different?
3. Have you ever experienced the "placebo effect?"
4. Do you live your life as if you expect God's Kingdom to come? Do you live expecting God to do something significant in your life? Why or why not?
5. When you look around at the world and others, do you feel like you have low expectations? How do you think this impacts your perception of God?
6. How would "calculating with the God-factor" change your current outlook? Actions? Views? Relationships? How can you get "ready" and make room for what God wants to do?

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☐ Connecting to a group
☐ Prayer
☐ Bible & Faith Questions
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