



2023 LENT DEVOTIONAL

This Lent, join us for a daily devotional as we explore the story of Jesus through the eyes of those who were at the cross. Email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org to be added to the email list.

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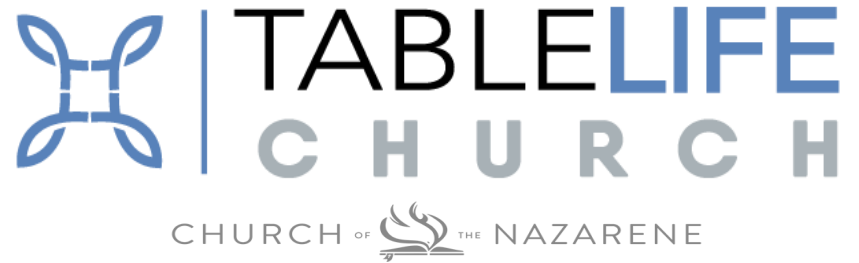
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Order of Worship

19 February 2023

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome

Worship in Song

Call to Worship

Worship In Song

We Listen to the Word

Prayer

Sermon: "Created for Community"

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

Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life

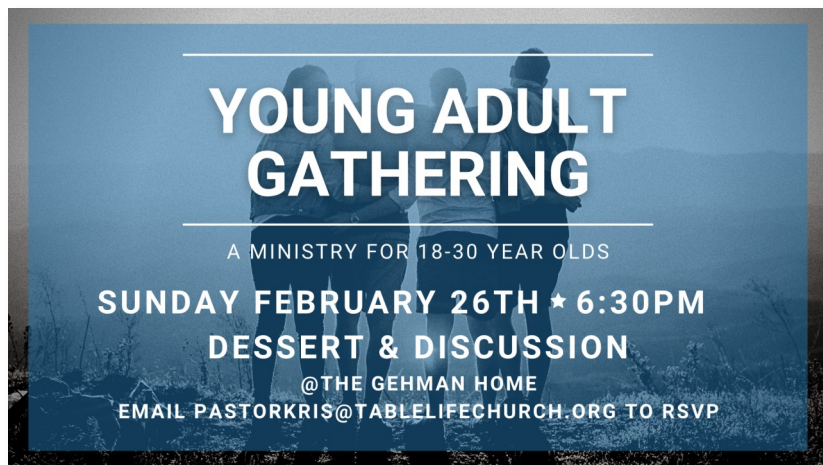
Gossiping the Good Stuff

Doxology

Blessing and Sending

*Words to music, responsive readings and
The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen*





“Created for Community” Pastor Kris Beckert

Matthew 14:13-21 When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” ¹⁶ Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered. ¹⁸ “Bring them here to me,” he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

I. The Feeding of the 5000:

1. The Context:

- Jesus just heard _____
- So he retreats to _____
- Herod couldn’t reach him there, but _____ could

2. The Significance:

- Held a central role in life of the Early Church
- Only miracle recorded in all four _____

3. The True Miracle:

- The miracle may be what happened to the _____
- The miracle may be what happened to the _____
- The Crowd was transformed into a _____

II. The Difference Between a Crowd and a Community:

1. A Crowd is a group of people together, yet _____
2. A Crowd is people together, yet _____
3. A Crowd is about _____
4. A Community is a Crowd with a shared _____ & _____

III. The Story's Importance for the Early Church:

1. The raw material was _____
2. Jesus used ordinary _____
3. Foreshadowed _____

IV. The Miracle's Meaning for Us:

Big Idea: _____

Doggy Bag: Some questions to chew on



1. Have you ever witnessed a Crowd turn into a Community?
2. What stands out to you in the Feeding of the 5000? Pastor Kris said: "The miracle may be what happened to the Crowd." Do you agree? Why or why not?
3. Have you ever experienced the transformative power of a Christian community built around the common vision and purpose of Jesus? What barriers and fears prevent you from engaging in authentic community?
4. How has God used others, especially those different from you, to grow and shape you? How does God want to use you—scars included-- to impact the lives of others?
5. What are the "loaves and fishes" you've been holding back that Jesus wants to do something with? What risk or step of faith is Jesus calling you to take in being part of the community of Table Life Church?

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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Name _____
Address _____
Email _____
Phone _____

How did you hear about us?
☐ Direct mail ☐ Online
☐ Social Media ☐ Invited by _____
☐ Other _____

I would like to know more about or help with:
☐ What it means to follow Jesus
☐ Connecting in a group
☐ Serving
☐ Kids & Youth Ministries
Prayer Request _____

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you. Or you can fill one
out online.



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