

# Tithes and Offerings



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the blue offering  
baskets are in the  
church lobby.



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ways to  
give  
at



By mail  
617 16th Street  
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CHURCH OF  THE NAZARENE



Order of Worship  
23 April 2023  
The Third Sunday of Easter

## **We Gather to Worship God**

Welcome  
Worship in Song  
Call to Worship  
Worship in Song

## **We Listen to the Word**

Prayer  
Sermon Series: The Bible  
Sermon: Week #2 - How Do We Interpret the Bible?"

## **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\*



For a complete list of ongoing ministries and upcoming events,  
please visit [tablelifechurch.org](http://tablelifechurch.org).

## Doggy Bag- Some questions to chew on:



1. Why is it important to recognize we cannot read scripture without interpreting it through our own lens of culture, experience, and prior understanding?
2. When you come across a difficult passage in the Bible, what do you do? Which of these five tools do you find helpful?
3. How does the context and historical situation of a passage impact its meaning? Why do we need to guard against taking things out of context?
4. Why should we also look at other Scriptures that address the same topic? Why is continuity important?
5. What difference does it make if a Scripture comes from a poem vs. a narrative vs. a code of law vs. a parable? How might you interpret it differently in light of its genre?
6. What is challenging for you about reading the Bible? What is challenging for you about following Jesus? How does knowing both are worth it help you face that challenge?

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email [pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org](mailto:pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org) or call 717-774-6444 to set up an appointment.

### NEW HERE? NEED PRAYER?



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Connection Card

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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How did you hear about us?  
☐ Divine gift    ☐ Online  
☐ Church directory    ☐ Community

I would like to know more about or help with:  
☐ What it means to follow Jesus  
☐ Connecting to a group  
☐ Serving  
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## The Bible

### Week #2: "How Do We Interpret the Bible?" Pastor Kris Beckert

The tools and principles used to interpret Scripture are called \_\_\_\_\_

#### I. Five tools that Christians use to interpret the Bible:

##### #1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the passage

- What comes before and after?
- Who says it?
- What's going on and where?

##### #2. The \_\_\_\_\_ situation

- What was going on at the time it was written?

##### #3. What else does the Bible \_\_\_\_\_?

- What other passages are about the topic?

##### #4. The \_\_\_\_\_ meaning

- What is the simplest interpretation that makes sense?

##### #5. The \_\_\_\_\_ style and intent

- It is poetry, narrative, a letter, code of law, etc?

## II. A Passage to interpret:

*Luke 14:26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple."*

### 1. What is the \_\_\_\_\_?

- Three phases of Jesus' ministry in Luke:
  1. Everything's going great (Luke 3-9:50)
  2. Journey to Jerusalem and the cross (Luke 9:51-Luke 23)
  3. Resurrection and hope (Luke 24)

### Turning point:

Luke 9:51-53 As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.

<sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem.

### Entire passage:

Luke 14:25-33 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus and turning to them, he said: <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' <sup>31</sup> "Or suppose a king is

about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

### 2. What else does the Bible say + common sense

- Love people, honor parents (Mark 12:31, Exodus 20:12)
- Jesus shows love and care for his mom at the cross (John 20:25-27)

### 3. Historical context + literary style

- Found in Luke's \_\_\_\_\_
- Most valuable possession in ancient world: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other two parables are about \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. What does this passage mean?

- Following Jesus has a \_\_\_\_\_

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

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