



Table Group Weekly Experience

October 3, 2021

Mixer

What was your dream job as a child - and what do you do now?

Neighborly - Daily Devotional

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1. In Pastor Harry's 9/28 entry, *Going Green*, he reminds us that we "*can still do the right thing even in the worst conditions.*" David did. Jesus did. The Olive Tree does. What about you? What will you say the next time someone cuts you down, cuts you off, or cuts you any way they want?
2. In Pastor Pam's 10/2 entry, *Slow and Steady*, she asks us to re-evaluate the speed in which we are living our lives - and how slow and steady is the mark of a disciple. Begin to read the Psalms of Ascent (120-134) this week, and learn ways that allow for spiritual growth in your life.

Sermon Notes

The Blessing of Forgiveness - Pastor Jared Herd

Scriptures: Genesis 13:5-7; 21:25; 26:1-2, 12-16, 19-22, 26-28, 30-33; 4:26-27; Hebrews 12:15-16

1. How do you think Abram's (Abraham's) faith played into his handling of the quarrel between himself and Lot in Genesis 13? How do you typically respond in a similar quarrelsome situation?
2. As a group, read Genesis 26. What does it teach us about the path from jealousy to forgiveness? Who do you identify with, Isaac or Abimelech, and why?
3. Pastor Jared said to pay attention to our jealousy because "Jealousy hides itself in our moral superiority." Is this true or false for you, and why? (Pastor Jared's example: Walking into the room and thinking "Where did they get their money...?")
4. Like Hebrews 12:15-17 tells us, a bitter root causes trouble. What is the healing that needs to be done so you know that you have truly moved from a place of unforgiveness to forgiveness?

5. Have you offered yourself forgiveness?
6. How do you know you have completely accepted the forgiveness and the freedom that comes through Christ?

Go Deeper - with Goodbook

Dr. Mark Strauss & Pastor Ken Ingold

Sermon on the Mount | Session 4| The Power of Transforming Love (Matthew 5:38-48)

1. What is our natural tendency when others hurt or attack us? What are some examples of this from society or from the media (movies, etc.)?
2. What does Jesus say you should do when someone slaps you on one cheek? When they seek to take away your possessions? Does this seem unreasonable?
3. In what way does the command, "an eye for an eye," actually demand justice instead of vengeance? In what way is the government God's agent for justice?
4. What does it mean that transforming love takes the offensive? What are some ways we might overcome evil with good?
5. Is biblical love a feeling or an action? Why is this important with reference to the command to love your enemies?
6. In what way did God demonstrate his love for his enemies?

For the Zoom link to join the Tuesday Night 7:30pm online Q & A sessions: ken@thechurchrb.org

Serve

Mark your calendars! Serve Day is coming up on November 20th! More info to come!

Pray

This week, The Church at RB's impact team is in Houston, Texas, joining in the efforts to rebuild from Hurricane Katrina since 2014. May God resource the team, keep them safe and healthy, and may these efforts be received in Houston as blessings directly from God. May His Glory be seen by all!

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for GOOD WORKS, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10)