



Table Group Weekly Experience

March 14, 2021

Mixer

Are you a mountains, beach, desert, or city person? Or other?

'Neighborly' - Daily Devotional

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1. In Pastor Ken's 3/8/21 entry, *Importunately*, he challenges us to see prayer not as a formality, but as a "constant prayer for what we want from [God], our Father and our friend." How are you moving toward embracing this way of relating to the King?
2. In Middle School Director, Cristina Schmitter's, 3/11/21 entry, *Receive, Not Earn*, she said: *[Jesus] picked us up, dusted us off, and said, "This one. This is the one I want."* How does this declaration over you erase the reasons why you think God can't possibly love you, or won't love you until _____?

Sermon Notes - 'A Better Story - The Parables of Jesus'

Part 2 - Mike Foster

Live Out A Kingdom Story

Scripture: John 13:35; Luke 10:25-37

1. Share a story in your life where someone came into it and shared in your pain with the kind of love of John 13:35? What did empathy look like, and how did it make you feel?
2. Are you typically the *observer*, watching others go about their lives? Or are you the *participant* "jumping in and grabbing God's hand" and helping them to live a better story?
3. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the three characters saw the situation differently and responded differently. In the bigger picture of life in 2021, how can our differences (rationales, fears, risks) still allow us to be part of the solution?

4. Knowing who you are now (Forever You, Child of God, More Than A Conqueror), how can you be part of a community who cares for one another with the love of John 13:35?

Go Deeper - with Goodbook

Dr. Mark Strauss and Pastor Ken Ingold

Week 9: Israel's Poetry & Wisdom (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs)

1. What is the central theme of the book of Job? Does Job tell us the reason for human suffering? What does it tell us? How can this message help us in our daily lives?
2. Psalms is Israel's worship book. But it is also ours. Do you have a favorite Psalm? Why is it special for you?
3. Proverbs are sometimes misunderstood. What are some important principles of interpretation when it comes to the Book of Proverbs?
4. What is the theme of the book of Ecclesiastes? Why do you think God would allow such a cynical book to appear in the Bible?
5. What are the main themes of the Song of Solomon? How has this book sometimes been misunderstood?

**Are you joining the Goodbook Q & A Zoom on Tuesday evenings? Email ken@thechurchrb.org*

Serve

THIS WEEK! Get your Table Group together and connect with each other on a service project at our next Good Neighbor Day, Saturday, March 20! Register online or in your Church Center app.

Pray

Pray this week:

God, when I was laying on the side of the road in my hurt, You showed up with a Better Story! Thank You for showing me mercy. Help me this week to jump into someone's pain with the love, mercy, compassion and kindness that comes only from You. Fill me with these things so that I can love them well. In Jesus' name. Amen.