

## Table Group Weekly Experience

April 18, 2021

#### Mixer

What does your collection of coffee mugs (or other glassware) say about you?

## Neighborly - Daily Devotional

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- 1. In Pastor Ken's 4/12/21 entry, Watch What God Can Do, he shares a quote from Pastor Mark Batterson: "I think faith is the small mustard seed of opportunities every day. For example, 'Am I going to love this person? Am I going to share my faith with this person? Am I going to pray that little prayer?' It really is a daily thing where you seize those little mustard seed opportunities and then see what God does." What has been different for you this week?
- 1. In Pastor Harry's 4/13/21 entry, *Gone Fishin'*, he challenges us to step into the day after Easter with the Risen Christ and with new capacities. How would you answer his question: "What are you doing the day after Easter? You goin' fishin'?"

### Sermon Notes - A Better Story

Part 6: You Grow What You Sow - Mike Foster

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30, 1 Peter 4:10, Proverbs 11:25

- 1. Mike challenges us to get our faith out of the "low battery mode" of 2020, and move forward in 2021. Do you put your faith on the dock when difficulties come?
- 2. What did the verse 1 Peter 4:10 say to you about a new mindset that gets you "off the dock" and into the water? Look at the words: each, gift, received, serve, faithfully, administering, God's grace in its various forms.
- 3. Mike said "A flawed perspective [of God] blocks God's power." Like the one-talent servant, who didn't trust the master and took control of the investment into his own hands, are you limiting the power of the Master (God)? Do you use your talents only when you can control, or know, the outcome?

- 4. From the "cake" illustration, if you know that God is going to replenish what you give away, how will that empower you to use your talents? And what could the next "cake" look like as He gives you more and more?
- 5. What buried gift is God challenging you to engage with today? Mike said there is unlived life within each of us so get in the water. If you will trust God to use your unique giftings to help Him heal the world, can you show others that His water is fun and good?

# Go Deeper - with Goodbook

Dr. Mark Strauss & Pastor Ken Ingold Volume 2 - The New Testament Story Week 13 || Chapter 4 || The Book of Acts: The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth

- 1. Why do we call Luke-Acts a single two-volume work?
- 2. What is the central theme of Acts?
- 3. Can you recall the two great movements (geographical and ethnic) in Acts?
- 4. How does the book of Acts respond to those who were saying that Jesus can't be the Messiah since he was crucified and since the kingdom did not physically arrive?
- 5. How does the book of Acts respond to those who were saying Christianity can't be true since the Jews rejected the message and since the church was becoming dominated by Gentiles?
- 6. In what ways are the early Christians in Acts a good model for us today?

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

#### Serve

Mark your calendars! Our next Good Neighbor Day is Saturday, May 8! Registration is open at thechurchrb.org/serve or in the Church Center App! Grab your Table Group and together come let God multiply the "talents" He has entrusted to you!

### Pray

Pray this week for those who are hurting, broken, or ill. Many losses, many devastating diagnoses, many troubles, fears and worries - but none are outside the scope of a God who loves us and is as close to each of us in every breath we take. He is ABLE and He is FAITHFUL.