



Table Group Weekly Experience

September 12, 2021

Mixer

Fill in the blank: I have no true grasp of the depth of God's love for me - but I think I get a little idea when _____.

Neighborly - Daily Devotional

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1. In Pastor Harry's 9/7 entry, *More Jesus*, he gives us the example of Peter's interaction with the lame man: "...he looked at him intently." Share a time when someone stopped what they were doing and really "made eye contact" with you? What did that mean to you? If Jesus were to walk in the room right now and gazed intently into your eyes, what would you see there and how do you imagine you would feel? How can you do this for someone else this week - give them *More Jesus*?
2. In Youth Ministries Director Cristina's 9/9 entry, *God's Got Talent*, she asked how we are stewarding the talents God has given us? Make a list with two columns. At the top write down what your gifts, talents and passions are. In the left column, write "Inward" and list all the ways that you have benefited from these gifts. Then give thanks! In the right column, write "Outward"; spend some time with God and list the ways He says you can use your gifts to benefit others.

Sermon Notes

The Blessing of Blessing - Pastor Jared Herd

Scriptures: Genesis 1:1-2, 1:28; Genesis 3:1; Genesis 4:1-15; Hebrew 11:4, 12:24

1. What impacted you most about Sunday's message?
2. How have you typically related to your Bible? Religious Text, or an Invitation from God to taste and see He is good?
3. What do you mean when you say "I am blessed." Pastor Jared said we often think of something being good as an achievement, a goal to attain. What if you were shown two pictures - one of a man sitting in his manicured backyard, and one of a boy sitting on a trash heap - which one is

blessed? What is your starting point for deciding between the two - Genesis 1 or 3?

4. What did Pastor Jared say God's blessing really is? How does this help you understand yourself - are you the sum of your curses, or are you living from the knowledge that you are blessed from Day 1, according to the Scriptures?
5. In the account of Cain and Abel in Genesis 4, we see two different examples of giving. (See Hebrews 11:4) Are you giving from a place of original blessing, or from having expectations of God, of your family, of your co-workers, etc?
6. Pastor Jared asked this question: Are you living in Cain's world or Christ's World? What does Hebrews 12:24 teach us about Jesus, justice and mercy?
7. If God is the God of Life, and not death, can you recall a time when God showed mercy and compassion to you, like He did Cain - instead of justice? How does that change how you live today?

Go Deeper - with Goodbook

Dr. Mark Strauss & Pastor Ken Ingold

Sermon on the Mount | Session 1 | The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)

1. What is the importance of the Sermon on the Mount in the context of Jesus' ministry?
2. What is a "Beatitude"?
3. Why are the "poor in spirit" blessed? Why are "those who mourn" blessed?
4. What does it mean to "hunger and thirst for righteousness"?
5. In what ways does being a "peacemaker" reflect the heart of God?
6. Why are the "those who are persecuted" blessed?
7. What are some ways these beatitudes differ from the world's value system?

If you would like to join the Tuesday Night online Q & A sessions: ken@thechurchrb.org

Serve

The Good Neighbor work crew will be at Brookview Village Retirement Community in Poway on Sat, Sept 18 to assist seniors with household chores they are no longer able to do. Sign up online or in app.

Pray - for the launch of new Table Groups! Where two or more are gathered, Jesus is there!

