



Table Group Weekly Experience

September 19, 2021

Mixer

What do you wish you learned earlier in life?

Neighborly - Daily Devotional

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1. In Youth Ministries Director Cristina's 9/16 entry, *The Best Kind of Taco*, she challenges us to believe that when God created you, He declared a blessing over you - you are a *GOOD taco!* What gets in the way of believing that? What one thing can you do this week to look at yourself as God does: beyond the dirty exterior and the chipping paint to see the goodness inside? And how might you do the same for someone else in your life?
2. In Pastor Pam's 9/18 entry, *Who Is Blessed?*, she shares her experience of traveling to Mozambique and the people counting themselves blessed because of what Jesus did on the cross. What is keeping you from believing God's original blessing over you? Who do you know that models this kind of joy in all circumstances and what could you learn?

Sermon Notes

The Blessing of Promise - Pastor Jared Herd

Scriptures: Genesis 11:27-32, 12:1-3, 22:2, 4-7, 17-19; Galatians 3:14; Proverbs 3:5-6; Joshua 24:15

1. What new thing did you learn in the telling of Abraham's story? Why is the covenant God made with him so significant to us today?
2. Read Genesis 12:2-3. What are the three parts of God's Covenant with Abraham? Are these conditional, or unconditional - and why is that important to consider? What kind of covenants do people make - and why do we fall short?
3. In Genesis 12:1, Abraham heard God say, "Get thee out" (KJV), and made a decision to trust God and surrender the outcomes. What does that look like for you in your daily life? If you really trust

God, how can you live in the moment if you are focused on the outcome?

4. Pastor Jared taught us about the position and the purpose of blessing. What did you think about the statement: *This is how you know you are blessed by God - because the blessing is not for you?*
5. How might you move from being a "Holder" of blessings, to one who plays "Hot Potato" with them (can't give them away fast enough)?
6. As a Good Neighbor, pick one person this week that you can bless (pray over, do an errand for, encourage, etc.) Take note of what God does with it - in you and in them.

Go Deeper - with Goodbook

Dr. Mark Strauss & Pastor Ken Ingold

Sermon on the Mount | Session 2 | Jesus and the Old Testament Law (Matthew 5:13-20)

1. In what ways are the metaphors of salt and light appropriate for the role of the Church in the world?
2. What did Jesus say he had come to do with reference to the Old Testament Law?
3. Are Christians bound by the Old Testament Law? The dietary laws? The Sabbath law (not to work on Saturday)?
4. What does it mean that Jesus came to "fulfill the Law"?
5. Can you name some Old Testament prophecies that Jesus fulfilled?
6. Why was it necessary for Jesus to perfectly keep the Law?
7. What does it mean that Christians are under the "New Covenant" (Jeremiah 31)?
8. What are some practical ramifications for us today that we are under the "Law of Christ" but not under the Law of Moses?

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

Serve

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

Pray

Give thanks to Father God, creator of the seasons, as summer officially turns to fall this week. Go out and enjoy the sights that remind you of His original blessing over creation! It is good! Look for Him there, for He is good.