



Table Group Weekly Experience

April 3, 2022

Table Groups and the Weekly Experience will be on break April 10 - June 3.

Mixer

What is in your junk drawer at home? What is the most unusual?

Neighborly - Daily Devotional

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1. In Pastor Ken's 3/28/22 entry, *Hate My Family*, he reminds us of the commandment to put God first in our love, adoration and worship. Where are you out of balance with who/what you love today? Pastor Ken emphasizes that loving our family is an extension of loving Jesus... but the order is critically important. What shifts can you make to put God first in your life, your marriage, raising children, and friendships?
2. In Cristina's, 3/224/22 entry, *Christ Over Cancel Culture*, she reminds us that Jesus did not live his life in a way that promoted a *cancel culture*. How will you follow Jesus' model of *choosing* the hard to love when it is hard to love the? Pastor Jared spoke recently about making a bigger table than bigger walls. How will you avoid building a "like-minded echo chamber"?

Sermon Notes

Unbound: Mark Chapter 4 - Pastor Jared

Scriptures: Mark 4:10-20, 4:40, 5: 18-19, 7:15-19, 8:31-34

1. What impacted or challenged you in today's message?
2. Read Mark 4:1-20. In the Parable of the Sower, describe the times you have experienced seeds in the different soils of your life. Where are you now when God plants seeds in your life?
3. Are you good at being a 'Christian insider'? What role does motivation play in which kind you are? (Checking off the church boxes vs producing fruit for the Kingdom of God)

4. How did the disciples, being so close to Jesus, considering themselves “insiders,” lose sight of who Jesus really came for - the “radioactive people”? (See Mark 5:18-19 and Mark 7:15-18, 24-30)
5. Do you remember being an outsider? How does remembering the grace of God and the power of Easter inspire you to seek out an outsider looking in (the least of these)?
6. As a Christian, can you be both an insider and an outsider? What does this look like?
7. How can you be a part of creating a space that welcomes the outsiders into the grace of God?

Living Deeper

Pastor Jared talked about the kind of insiders who produce the fruit of love, kindness, gentleness, etc. We have the fruit of the Spirit given to us as a gift. Now how do we grow it? Let's start with Kindness. Use this article from [ibelieve.com](https://www.ibelieve.com/faith/kindness-8-ways-to-grow-in-this-fruit-of-the-spirit.html) to guide and inspire your growth in kindness this week:

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Serve

- Good Neighbor Day is coming up Saturday, April 9! Register online or in app.
- Vacation Bible School is coming up June 20-24! If you would like to be a part of kids experiencing the best week of their summer, contact heidi@thechurchrb.org or lisak@thechurchrb.org !

Pray

As we move toward Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday, pray for God to prepare the hearts of all the outsiders to hear that Good News is for them! Jesus is for everyone. And to us insiders, confess to Him that we don't have it all figured out and we need to be reminded daily of when we were once outsiders. May we approach Easter with a heart position of reflection, gratitude, celebration, and challenge to keep the cross visible in our own lives as we relate to the world around us.