



## Table Group Weekly Experience

May 9, 2021

### Mixer

Without naming the state (or country) where you were born, share something it is known for and the group guesses. Share what is endearing to you about your place of birth?

### Neighborly - Daily Devotional

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1. In Middle School Director Cristina Schmitter's 5/6/21 entry, *Smoke*, she writes to those of us feeling the guilt of not having the kind of faith of Daniel 3 in our 2020 fires. She writes: "*I have good news for you, God is still for you.*" Sit awhile in His love and grace in your quiet time this week. Think about and make a plan about who you will be in the next fire.
2. In Pastor Harry's 5/7/21 entry, *Favor*, he reminds us of how futile our efforts are to change someone. He says though, "*But what we cannot do, God's Spirit can.*" Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did not try to convince the king to change - but the king was drawn to their God. Who is someone you can begin to pray that God gives you favor in their heart?

### Sermon Notes - How to ReOpen Your Life

*Part 3: Setting Down Rocks in Babylon* - Jared Herd

Scripture: Daniel 1:3-8, 15-20; Hebrews 2:1; Psalm 137:1

1. How did you connect with Pastor Jared's analogy of drifting in the ocean? Are there areas in your life (especially following 2020) where you are doing things that you never would have 5 years ago?
2. Daniel's rock was God. His faith kept him from floating down the stream of Babylon. What does your rock look like?
3. Like Daniel, you get to determine (resolve) in your heart who you want to be. Who is that, and who will you be as you swim in Babylon? (Purity & Purpose vs Pleasure & Promotion)

4. How does honoring your Rock, no matter what, impact your immediate world - spouse, kids, co-workers, friends, "the kings of this world" and others?

## Go Deeper - with Goodbook

Dr. Mark Strauss & Pastor Ken Ingold

Volume 2 - The New Testament Story

Week 16 || Chapter 7 || Letters to Jewish Christians

1. Who wrote the letter to the Hebrews?
2. To whom was Hebrews written and why?
3. What was causing some of the members of this church to turn away from Christ? Can you think of a similar situation today?
4. What are some ways the author tries to convince them not to turn away from Christ? Do these apply to us today?
5. Which James wrote the letter of James? What do we know about him?
6. To whom is James writing and why?
7. What are some characteristics of this letter?
8. Some people say that James and Paul contradict each other. Why is this? How would you answer this charge?
9. James says, "faith without works is dead." Give an illustration of this truth from your own life or from a situation you have seen.

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## Serve

Mark your calendars for the next Good Neighbor Day, Saturday, June 26.

## Pray

Worship Night is Thursday night - let's honor God with singing and praising wherever we are this week!