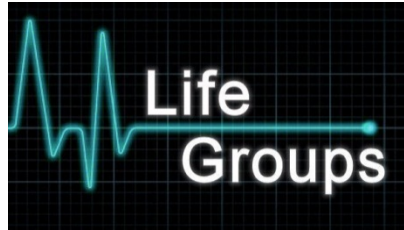


The Table
Week 2
Pushing Away
from the Table



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GETTING STARTED (CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH IF YOU LIKE)

1. *How many rings before you answer the phone?*
2. *What is your concept of a fruitful day?*

DIGGING DEEPER

1. *What does the saying "There is no "I" in the word TEAM mean? Why have workplaces been stressing the concept of teamwork over the past two decades? How has it impacted your workplace? (Positively or negatively)*
2. This concept was taught thousands of years ago by Jesus Christ as he laid the foundation for His church. This week we are looking at "Backing Away From the Table" and serving others because the heart of a growing church is service. **Read Romans 12:3-8** *What warning does Paul give us in the first 3 verses? Why? Why is the church considered "one body" yet we each have different functions? Is it possible to achieve maximum benefits by working independently from one another in the body of Christ? How can we better coordinate our efforts for Christ? Why is it important for us to serve cheerfully? **Read Romans 12:9-21** How do we put all that verses 9-11 says into action? Could verse 12 be a key component to success? **Read Romans 16:17-19** Why is "serving your own appetite" so destructive to the body of Christ?*
3. There are many practical acts of service that we, as a church, are called to do. But there are spiritual battles that are waged as well. *(Discuss the following)* Some of the things that God wants us to do are: a. expose the enemy's lies, b. proclaim God's truth, c. bring down the enemy's strongholds, d. set the captives free, e. bring health where there is sickness, f. bring love where there is fear, g. bring forgiveness where there is condemnation, h. bring revelation where there is spiritual blindness, i. bring wholeness where there is a fracture in our lives. **Pray boldly....without ceasing!**
4. Read **1 Peter 1:13-16**. *Wow! "I am holy; YOU be holy." What do we have to do as individuals and as a church to be holy? What's the next step in your spiritual journey?*

PRAYER & PRAISE

TAKING IT HOME

Ask God to clearly show you what areas of your life need to be placed on His heavenly altar and sacrificed as a love offering to Him. Ask Him to enable you to live a life of service by opening doors of opportunity so that you can work in concert with others in the body of Christ.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

MONDAY: LUKE 12:1-12,
TUESDAY: EPH. 6:6-8,
WEDNESDAY: LUKE 12:35-47,
THURSDAY: COL. 3:23-25
FRIDAY: LUKE 9:61-62,
SATURDAY: 2 COR. 9