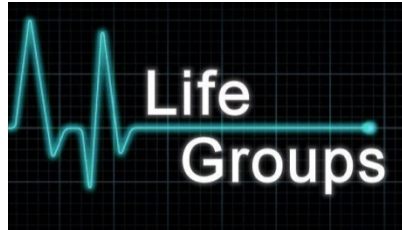


The Table
Week 3
Accepting the Invite



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GETTING STARTED (CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH IF YOU LIKE)

1. *What do/did you like best about your hometown?*
2. *Something interesting about me is....*

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Much preparation and expense goes into hosting an event. *Have you ever sponsored an event that required an R.S.V.P.? Were their folks who said they would come, but didn't show up? How did you feel as the host?*
2. God continues to host the greatest banquet in all of history. He also requires an R.S.V.P. The cost to God was priceless, the sacrifice of His only Son, Jesus Christ. Let's examine our R.S.V.P.'s and see how they honor our heavenly Father. **Read John 6:25-33**
*According to v. 29, what is required for us to attend this banquet?
What does "believing" truly require? How do you know if your "belief" is the "real-deal," genuine?*
3. Read **John 4:7**. *Wow..have you ever reflected on this verse? Jesus ASKING for a drink...the Source of eternal life...our Living Water...asking a human being for a drink? What implications does this verse have for us?*
4. **Read the following: John 4:10, 13-14** *Have you ever felt that your "spring" has run dry? **John 4:15-26** At first, the Samaritan woman didn't really understand the invitation. Jesus took what she did know (V.26) and built on it. How does this help us understand that church" should be a "come just as you are" type of place? How are we to help others build on what they already know to come to a place where they too can "help others find and follow Christ?" **John 4:28-30** How did she respond to Jesus' invitation? **John 4:31-32** How did Jesus' disciples respond to him? How is the disciples' response different from the woman's? What warning is there here for about mature believers as compared to baby believers? **John 4:34-42** What did Jesus say was his "food" or mission? Is our food or mission any different? To be brought to the place where we can hear the voice of God is to be profoundly changed. That call is the expression of the nature of the One who calls us. We can only recognize the call if His nature is in us. What must we do to take on the very nature of Jesus Christ? What are the things that we must do every day? Our spiritual journeys have some similarities and many differences. You may discuss some similarities with the group, but ask yourself, "As far as differences go, what's the next step in my own spiritual journey?"*

TAKING IT HOME

Spend time this week memorizing and meditating of GCWC's mission statement, "to help people find and follow Christ."

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday: John 3:35-36
Tuesday: John 5:23-25
Wednesday: John 6:39-41
Thursday: John 7:37-39,
Friday: John 9:37-39
Saturday: Romans 10:8-10