

The Church Table Genesis 2:18; 3:6-10 & Acts 1:4-9, 15; 2:1-4, 42-47

These questions are provided to lead the group in **applying** the teaching from Sunday. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in being a doer of God's Word. Challenge each other and be vulnerable as God works IN and THROUGH you together.

- 1. We have finished our 10,000 Blessings one-year rally, and there were over 8,000 recorded instances of Life Churchers blessing people where they live, work, learn, and play! Why is blessing others a key mark of discipleship and being like Jesus? How has this rally affected the way you see yourself and others as you live your life each day?
- 2. Why does something as simple as eating a meal together have the capacity to connect people?
- 3. Do you agree that Americans are disconnected and lonely? If so, what factors do you think have contributed to this? How have any of these factors affected you?
- 4. Read Genesis 2:18. This passage shows how God created marriage and the family, but it also has broader applications of our need for relationships with others. Being "alone" was the first thing God ever called "not good" (even before sin came into the world). What does this say about our need for connection? Do you sense a difference when you are around people you love and trust? Explain.
- 5. Read Genesis 3:6-10. How does sin affect our relationship with God and people? Why do you think we "cover ourselves" and "hide" from God and others when we sin? Why do we struggle so much with being open and transparent?
- 6. Jesus came to reverse the curse by creating unity (Galatians 3:28). Read Acts 1:4-9, 15; 2:1-4, 42-47. After Jesus had ascended to the Father and the Holy Spirit had descended into the Followers of Jesus, what happened to them? Acts 2:42-47 is a picture of the church when we Observe & Obey the Spirit. What did the Holy Spirit do in and through them? What does the Holy Spirit generate among Followers of Jesus?
- 7. The Greek word for "fellowship" (*koinonia*) refers to a "common, shared life." How have you experienced this? Why is it so attractive and contagious when others see it?
- 8. Discuss the shifting of spiritual formation from the Temple in the Old Testament to the Table in the New Testament. How is sitting in circles more effective than sitting in rows? Share how your faith has been shaped and life changed by sitting in circles.
- 9. This ministry year (Sept 2025-Aug 2026), our church's 1-year rally is called THE TABLE. We will be engaging in 3 KINDS OF RELATIONSHIPS at our TABLES. The first is being with the CHURCH beside us. We will spend intentional time with fellow Followers of Jesus in groups of 3 around a table for discipleship. Are you open to being discipled or discipling others? Why or why not? More details to come! Get ready to grow!
- 10. How can this group pray for you and our church this week?

 Table Prayer: "Your kingdom come, your will be done at this table as it is in heaven."