



COME TO THE TABLE

Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.

- Albert Einstein *New York Times*, June 20, 1932, pg. 17

We become fully alive when we LIVE for OTHERS.

Philippians 2:3 (TLB) *Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself.*

1 John 4:19-21 (NIV) ¹⁹ *We love because he first loved us.* ²⁰ *Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.* ²¹ *And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.*

John 15:12-13 (NRSV) ¹² *"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.* ¹³ *No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

We become fully alive when we prioritize EMPATHY over SYMPATHY.

Galatians 6:2-3 (NLT) *Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.* ³ *If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.*

Romans 12:15-16 (NRSV) ¹⁵ *Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.* ¹⁶ *Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.*

James 2:15-16 (NLT) ¹⁵ *Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing,* ¹⁶ *and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?*

We become fully alive in COMMUNITY.

Luke 14:12-14 (NIV) ¹² *Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid.* ¹³ *But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,* ¹⁴ *and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."*

Hebrews 13:1-2 (NLT) ¹ *Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters.* ² *Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!*

Matthew 25:40 (NIV) ⁴⁰ *"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV) ⁴² *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.* ⁴³ *Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.* ⁴⁴ *All the believers were together and had everything in common.* ⁴⁵ *They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.* ⁴⁶ *Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,* ⁴⁷ *praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

Life Groups—Talk it Over

1. What are some simple and practical ways we can begin to live for others?
2. Why is building walls easier than making bigger tables?
3. How does Jesus help us break out of our tribes and seek and care for others?
4. The table reminds us that all are welcome. The table reminds us that community is important. How can we live these ideas out?
5. Share a time in your life when "I Know How You Feel" has impacted your life?

Pastor Loyd's Prayer Requests

Monday: Remember to pray for men and women who faithfully serve our nation while in the military.

Tuesday: Pray for those persons in our church who are undergoing surgery in the next few months.

Wednesday: Pray for those at CCON who are in the hospital, nursing homes or are shut-ins at home.

Thursday: Pray for each Pastoral Staff member and their spouses.

Friday: Pray for all our volunteers and Support Staff of CCON.

Saturday: Pray for our church services this weekend.