

Sermon Discussion Questions

All In - Temple To Table, Baby! – David Poole

23 August 2026

Sermon Text: Acts 2:46; Mark 6:30-44; John 21:1-17

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Relational Time – 20-30 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

RELATIONAL TIME (20-30 min)

Have everyone in the group use one word to describe how they feel **physically**, **emotionally**, **mentally**, and **spiritually** (PEMS). (Physically I feel _____. Emotionally I feel _____. ...)

Have each person expand on one of the ways they are feeling by using the **IFAB** method: “**I** feel _____ **a**bout _____ **b**ecause _____.” (For example, “**I feel frustrated about the sudden change of plans because I rearranged my schedule for a different time.**”)

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

What if Sunday morning was never meant to be the destination but the starting point? In this week’s message, **Temple to Table, Baby!**, Pastor David challenges us to look beyond simply attending church and rediscover the kind of community Jesus modeled. The early church gathered in the temple, but they also gathered around tables. They shared meals, carried one another’s burdens, opened their homes, used their gifts, and lived out their faith together. Because discipleship doesn’t just happen while listening to a sermon. It happens in the everyday moments—when someone shows up, listens, prays, brings a meal, speaks truth, opens their home, or simply makes room for someone else. Let’s dive in and find out why it’s important to move from the crowd to community.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. What is something that stood out to you from the message this week?
2. How do you build both faith and community at the same time? What is the model for this? What is/are your role(s)? Why is it important for us to live in community with other believers?
3. One thing is very evident from the entirety of the Bible - God has a heart for people. Can we truly pray to have the heart and mind of God if that doesn’t include a heart and mind for people? Why is it impossible to pray for one and not the other?
4. Jesus looked at the crowd of people surrounding Him and felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. When was the last time we looked at others with compassion? When was the last time I let Jesus move me with compassion? Is there a difference between the compassion of the world for others and the compassion of Jesus for others? What is the difference?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. Let’s restart the debate, “What is the best season of the year?”
2. Do you have a favorite Fall/Harvest festival you like to attend? What and where is it?
3. What is your favorite game to play?

5. What if Sunday was meant to be the starting point and not the destination? If we lived our life with that thought, would it change how we went about our week? What would change?

6. Small groups, when done correctly, provide opportunities for everyone to discover their gifts and how to use them. They are places where people grow in faith and in community. They are also meant to be multiplying. What are some practical ways you can help others in your small group to identify their gifts and to learn to use them? At the same time, how can you let others help you grow in your gifts?

APPLICATION

Jesus instructed His disciples to show compassion for people when He said, “Feed my sheep.” Seeing the loaves and fishes on the fire was a reminder for them of how the loaves and fishes fed a hungry crowd. It was to remind them to see people with compassion. It was a reminder to be a shepherd for His sheep. After the message this week, maybe the Holy Spirit has awakened within you compassion for people. Is God calling you to step outside of what’s comfortable and into being a shepherd for His people? To feed and care for them like a shepherd? What does that look like in your life? What is God calling you into? Share with your group.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com>, or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can also be found in all three locations.

Selah Brunch, 29 August, 9:00-11:00, New Wine Church building, 7102 N. Prospect Ave Gladstone, MO. Join the ladies of New Wine for a Saturday morning slowdown together! We’ll have breakfast waiting as you hear a heartfelt message from our very own Maddy Slocum and enjoy a bonding activity together. Come as you are... We’ll save you a seat!

HOME Church (Starting 16 September in Platte Woods, Gladstone, and Liberty). HOME Church is a vibrant, mid-sized community of 30 to 50 people meeting the third Wednesday of each month locally, right where you live. It’s not a replacement of Sunday services or small groups, but a unique space where deep, authentic relationships grow organically through life-giving connections, spiritual encouragement, and unity. Rooted in Jesus’ mission of “on earth as it is in heaven,” Home Church pursues harmony to strengthen our gospel witness, grows naturally as an interconnected body, engages missionally by serving local communities, and fosters encouragement through practical acts of care. These home churches become living expressions of heaven-on-earth communities equipped by the Holy Spirit to restore brokenness and spread God’s kingdom. Come be a part of what God is doing as we seek to be fully known, fully loved, and fully equipped to impact our city. Go to <https://nwckc.com/home-church> for more information.

The Call - Men’s Retreat, 9-10 October, Lake Maurer Retreat Center, Excelsior Springs, MO. The retreat begins Friday, October 9 at 3 PM and ends Saturday, October 10 at 3 PM, with guest speaker Ivan Freitas. Early bird registration ends 31 August.

For more details and registration: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+xjypw8p>

FINAL THOUGHT

Jesus was about transformation over information.