

TABLETOPICS

⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

DEUTERONOMY 6:5-7 (ESV)

The following “Table Topics” are intended to keep the weekend message on our hearts and minds throughout the week! We pray this resource stirs personal engagement and reflection, as well as conversations with others around the Word of God. Take a few moments with your spouse in the morning, text a friend, or discuss one of the questions around the dinner table. Let’s fill our days and conversations with the Truth and spiritual bread we need every day!

1. Read John 15:1-6. If possible, read this passage in two or more versions.
2. Review Jesus’ description of the vine and its various parts and care. How is the vine a picture of our spiritual life and growth?
3. What is the aim of a gardener as he/she tends to his/her garden? How does the gardener’s care help one to achieve his/her aim?
4. How does the Word of God have a “cleansing effect” in our lives? (verse 3)
5. What is the key to bearing fruit for Christ? How does one do that? What are the necessary elements for us to bear fruit?
6. When we talk about spiritual fruit and our lives bearing fruit, what does that look like? Why is it important that our lives bear fruit? Is it okay to be fruitless? Why or why not?
7. What is your “takeaway” from this passage?

NEWS & UPDATES:

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We practice baptism by immersion, which best represents the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus (Romans 6:1-5) and symbolizes the burial of the old self and the emerging of a “new creation” in our own lives as we seek to walk and grow with Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). Salvation is a gift that is given freely by God through the complete and atoning sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross. According to the New Testament, baptism is the first visible expression of our faith. To read more visit bvg.org/baptism

WOMEN'S REFRESH || WORSHIP NIGHT || MAY 16 || 7PM

Join Women's Ministry at our upcoming Refresh event for a night of worship with our guest worship leaders, Vanessa and Tim Dalrymple. The event is free and childcare is available by registration for \$10 per family at bvg.org/refresh

DATE NIGHT AT BVG || MAY 18*

Join us as Bob Phillips, Former Executive Director for Hume Lake Christian Camps, helps us learn through humor, God's Word and insightful teaching, how to fight the “good fight” and strengthen our marriages through conflict. Tickets are limited. Visit bvg.org/datenight to reserve yours today.

PREP FOR PARENTING || MAY 22

This 5-week class covers newborn–12 months. Prep for Parenting takes a sensible approach to newborn care. This class is designed for brand new or expecting parents. Register at bvg.org/prepforparenting

CO-ED SOFTBALL || STARTS MAY 31

Coed Softball will begin play May 31 on our Varsity Girls' field. The season will have at least eight games, followed by a playoff tournament. Cost is \$35 per player. To register, visit bvg.org/coedssoftball. Contact Mark Crist at Markcrist1963@gmail.com or 209-204-5695 for additional information.

OHANA ISLAND ADVENTURE || JUNE 10-13 || 4-KINDERGARTEN*

Ohana Island Adventure is a 4-day VBS where your child will learn how Noah stood up for God, trusted God, thanked God, and feared God, no matter how rough the seas became, and how they can be just like Noah! For more information, email AdelinaC@bvg.org or visit bvg.org/ohana

VIETNAMESE STUDENT VISIT || JULY

This July, our BVG church family will have the unique opportunity to host a group of Vietnamese students visiting for two weeks to participate in an English program at CSUS. We are searching for host families to help house the students and demonstrate the lifestyle of a Christ follower to our new friends. For more information concerning dates and details, please contact katief@bvg.org

VINE HOUSE GALA || MAY 10 || 9AM

You're invited to the 2nd annual charity dinner and silent auction benefiting the Vine House Modesto. Come support one of BVG's local reach partners! To buy tickets visit bvg.org/vinehousegala

**At the Ministry Wall*



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