

**CONNECT GROUP NOTES**

# Speck of Salt

**THE GOSPEL OF COMMUNITY**

**WEEK 1**

**TABLE OF  
EVANGELISM**

## FOR THE FACILITATOR

Encourage the group to take turns reading and answering questions. It is best to ask the questions as they appear instead of waiting till the end.

## TOPIC : Peck of Salt Week 1 - Table of Evangelism

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## READER 1

*“A man must eat a peck of salt with his friend before he knows him” - Miguel De Cervantes*

What is a Peck?

*Matthew 5:15*

*<sup>15</sup>Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a **bowl** [bushel]. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.*

A peck is a measure that is approximately 8,1 litres which equates to roughly 10,16kg of salt.

This much will take about 1000 meals together with a friend.

Genuine friendship requires time together around meals.

Craig Clark gave us as Outlook Church a prophetic word -  
*“God wants us to start eating a peck of salt together”*

Stan & Heather Phipps then visited and told us - *“Extend your dining room tables”*

So this journey about eating a peck of salt together as we pursue deeper friendships and community. God wants us to invest in friendships.

## READER 2

The problem is that we live in a ‘me’ centred age. A consumer age. An individualist age. Where the individual is more important than the community.

We need to catch the gospel of the Kingdom Of God which is contrary to the world. The Kingdom of God tells us to take up our cross and follow Jesus. It’s not about you.

### *Luke 8:23-24*

*<sup>23</sup> Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.*

**QUESTION 1: How often are you thinking in terms of the community as opposed to of yourself?**

## READER 3

The gospel is a gospel of community not about the individual. Jesus went to the cross alone. Even God turned his back on Him. You have to come to the cross alone. Your decision on your own, however, that is where individualistic thinking ends.

### *Mark 15:34*

*<sup>34</sup> And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).*

When Jesus rose again. He rose with a new body, the Church. We are part of that body.

### *Colossians 3:1-4*

*<sup>1</sup>Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

We need to change at an identity level. We are now a covenant people. When one member of the body suffers we all should suffer with them. When one celebrates we all celebrate. We need to think covenantally. What's in your fridge is mine and what's in my fridge is yours.

*1 Corinthians 12:26-27*

*<sup>26</sup> If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. <sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*

**READER 4**

When Jesus taught us the Lord's Prayer, He taught us to pray to Our Father. We should not just be thinking about ourselves but about the church as well.

*John 13:34-35*

*<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

We need to be delivered from self absorbed lifestyles. We can do this by applying the prophetic word of extending our tables. This is an opportunity for us to build fellowship.

**QUESTION 2: Are there people in your life that you can extend your table to for fellowship building?**

### **READER 5**

Our tables should be tables of evangelism. Jesus used meal-times for this throughout His entire ministry.

*Luke 5:27-32 (NIV)*

*<sup>27</sup> After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, <sup>28</sup> and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.*

*<sup>29</sup> Then Levi held a great **banquet** for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them.*

*<sup>30</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"*

*<sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>32</sup> I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."*

Jesus loved to fellowship and eat with people who were not yet his followers. This is the lifestyle we should be living. Our tables should be tools that we use to fellowship and evangelise with those who are not yet saved.

## READER 6

We need to learn how to banquet with others and how to banquet well.

### *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 neighbours; 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."*

It is not a question of whether or not we banquet, it is a matter of when we banquet. Banqueting is about welcoming, receiving and fellowshiping. Banqueting has nothing to do with the food, it has everything to do with welcoming.

We have all the opportunity to see more people saved at the dining room tables. We should be encouraged to dedicate our dining room tables to the Lord and to fellowshiping with those who are both saved and unsaved.

## SHARE YOUR HIGHLIGHT

Take turns sharing what stood out to you the most from what we read and why?

## ACTION STEP

What action step can you take to Ensure that you dedicate your dining room table to the lord.

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