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Welcome to LifeWay! What a joy to have you with us today as we continue our Lenten series: **At the Table**. If this is your first time with us or you are just visiting, we are delighted that you are here. Please fill in a visitor card and put it on the offering plate during the service or hand it to the ushers at the door – we would love to acknowledge your time with us today. If you would like to know more about or explore what it means to journey the way of Jesus, please speak with one of our Pastors or the people who greeted you at the door.

You would think it would be customary for party or dinner guests to act per status quo -- as in, polite -- but when you get people together around a table with food, things can often go wrong. There's the 'always late' person who comes when they are ready, your family's version of Uncle Bob who drinks way too much and wants to give everyone a kiss! There's the 'food critic' who is quick to offer advice on how they would have cooked it, the raconteur who dominates the floor and thinks they are Jerry Seinfeld or keen to impart the knowledge gained from their latest intellectual reading. There's the 'wine spiller' or the one who doesn't know when to leave! It can leave the host wishing they had never invited the person in the first place. Today at the table, Jesus is that guest, who makes the meal one that the host and other guests will never forget...for all the wrong reasons. We'll explore that today as Jesus speaks a hard word; a word that may even offend, a word that takes aim at those who take refuge in ritual, rote, resources or routine rather than finding a place of trust in the only relationship that matters.

WEEK 3 OF LENT SERIES:

At the TABLE



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A place of
TRUST

TODAY'S READING

Luke 11:37-54

If you are visiting with us, we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to stay for morning tea with us after the service.

JOIN US THIS EASTER FOR...

no other

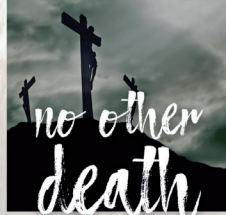
EXCLUSIVE CLAIMS FROM AN INCLUSIVE GOD



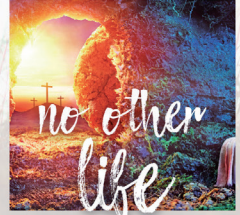
PALM SUNDAY
14 APRIL
9.30AM



MAUNDY THURSDAY
18 APRIL
7PM



GOOD FRIDAY
19 APRIL
9.30AM



EASTER SUNDAY
21 APRIL
6AM + 9.30AM

WHAT'S ON?

THIS WEEK

SUN 24 **Epping KidsWay** 11am
Epping Ten:10 11am

MON 25 **Conversational English Classes**
Epping 10am

Exodus Grow Course - #3
in back room, Epping 7.30pm

WED 27 **Purposeful Prayer**
in church, Epping 7am

Ministry Team meet
Newcastle 7.30pm

Band Practice
Epping 7.30pm

THUR 28 **Mainly Music**, Term 1
Newcastle 10am

Mandarin Singing Group
Epping 10am

Purposeful Prayer
in back room, Epping 7.30pm

LifeGroup Experience
Newcastle, 7.30pm

FRI 29 **Mainly Music**, Term 1
Epping 10am

The Maundy Thursday service at Epping this year will include a meal (different from last year) and for this reason will begin earlier than normal, at 7pm. Please start thinking about whether you will be coming to that service as we will be asking people to RSVP for catering purposes. Invitations will be out next week.

The Dawn service will be held at Epping only. Between the two services there will be a pancake breakfast available (RSVP's required). Please pick up a flyer/order form from the foyer.



A letterbox drop will be carried out in the coming weeks at both Epping and Newcastle to advertise our service times with the local community. If you are able to assist with this, please speak to Pastor Mark or Pastor Mat.

NEW SERVICE AT EPPING

The new 11.30am service at Epping will now begin straight after Easter on **Sunday 28th April**. With so much happening at this present time, the decision was made to delay the launch.

IT'S PARTY TIME at KIDS CHURCH

and you're invited



YOU'RE INVITED TO ...



on Sunday 31st March
AT THE EPPING HOTEL, 12PM

The Epping Hotel is located on Beecroft Road, right by the lift for the overpass to Epping Station.

Kids under 10 eat free.

RSVP by Sunday 24th March to Helen or Rod Witt

e: helenrod.witt@gmail.com p: 0403 252 976

FINAL OPPORTUNITY

to join the Mission Team in Cambodia.

There are still three places remaining if you would like to be part of a team to build a house, extend a hall, and visit the students we are sponsoring to go to school in Tang Krang Village. Please see Pastor Mark this week as tickets will be booked in the next two weeks. Cost is \$3200.00



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord God, from the very beginning, you have desired to have a relationship with your people, stopping at nothing to make us yours forever. Strip away all those things we put our trust in that replace us being in your presence. Give us the same commitment, the same vision, the same passion that this place may be a place of grace and trust that enables all people to live boldly in your presence. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE PRAY...

- For all Christians, that our first and only love may be Jesus.
- For all members of LifeWay that there may be a consistency between what is lived on the outside and the love of Jesus in our hearts.
- That our lives may flow from a place of trust in Jesus, who fills all the empty places of our lives.
- For the Church that it may be willing to let go of any externals that get in the way of living in Gospel relationships with others.
- For our new LCA NSW Bishop who was elected yesterday that God would give him wisdom, strength and humility as he leads the expression of God's Church here in NSW.
- For Harvey Vlassis as he is welcomed into God's family through baptism that day by day he may grow deeper in his identity and the relationship he has with his Saviour and for Ryan Johnson who is baptised at Temora this weekend by his great grandfather.
- For God's protection and guidance over the Cooke family as they return to Geelong in the next week that God would continue to fill their cups with blessing.
- For those who live with a judgmental spirit that God may create a new Spirit that trusts what he is doing in people's lives.
- For the sick and those in need of healing that they may know fullness of life in Jesus especially Jenny Schneider, Emily Cooke, Gordon Mangelsdorf, Hedi Krause, Erna Kutas, Audrey and John Scarce.

THIS WEEK'S

At the TABLE

Challenge

Who is a work colleague that you know a little bit that you could invite over for a meal to get to know them and their family if they have one better. Pray before they come and ask God to make your home a grace space where they experience love, acceptance and the gift of real community.

NEXT WEEK
SUNDAY 31 MARCH



At the
TABLE

A place of
HUMILITY

Epping 9.30am with H.C.

Newcastle 9.30am with H.C.

READING Luke 14:1-24

An interim roster for Epping is now available. Please collect your copy.

We are in the process of transferring rosters to a new system on My LifeWay.



Come and **learn** how to **grow** our congregation through developing our local **mission**

FOR Pastors, Council members, church leaders and workers

Workshop One **Saturday 30th March, 9am – 4pm**

Workshop Two **Saturday 4th May, 9am – 4pm**

AT **Uniting Venues** 16 Masons Drive, North Parramatta

COST Free but registration is essential.

Go to the news section of the LifeWay App and click on the link to register.

SERVING...

EPPING

Reading	Betsy Donati
Prayers	Dianne Bergen
HC	Kathy Ironside Greg Lane
Ushers	Paul & Ruth Niemczyk
Morning Tea	Jim & Kathy Ironside, Sabine Sloan
Flowers	Brigita McDonald
Data	Dylan Simpfordorfer
Music	Band 5
Sound	John Klingberg

NEWCASTLE

Reading	Sue Gesswein
HC	Neil Tshiprig
Ushers	Christine Johns
Morning Tea	Megan & Neil Tshiprig
Flowers	Ruth MacConnachie
Data	Daniel Tshiprig

Who is God calling you to reach for the Kingdom?

Grab your card today. Keep it in your wallet, on your fridge, in your car and think about how God may be using you to bring a L.I.F.E. that never ends.

Listen prayerfully
Invest personally
Form relationships
Extend invitation

