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Welcome to LifeWay! What a joy to have you with us today as we begin a new 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.

Do you ever feel pressured to do it all? Be the perfect spouse, parent, child, employer, employee, Christian? Here's the truth about having it all together. Jesus has not come for those who have it together, but those who are falling apart. He has not come for those who have made it to the top, but those struggling at the bottom. He has not come for the respectable, but for the despised. He has not come for those who are "healthy, wealthy, and wise," but rather those who are sick, poor, and lost. He hasn't come for the righteous but for the unrighteous, to give them a place of healing. Over the next five weeks we will eat with Jesus as he dines his way to the cross for our forgiveness and feasts at the table beyond the grave for our salvation. We hope you will join us at the table.

WEEK 1 OF LENT SERIES:

At the
TABLE



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A place of
HEALING

TODAY'S READING
Luke 5:27-32

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.

THIS WEEK'S

At the TABLE

Challenge

Hospital and Hospitality come from the same word – and both lead to “healing”. Where is healing needed with someone you know? Invite them over this week for a meal and let God do his work!

WHAT'S ON?

THIS WEEK

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

MON 11 **Conversational English Classes**
Epping 10am

Exodus Grow Course - #1
in back room, Epping 7.30pm

WED 13 **Purposeful Prayer**
in church, Epping 7am

Ministry Team meet
Newcastle, 7pm

Band Practice
Epping 7.30pm

THUR 14 **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 15 **Mainly Music**, Term 1
Epping 10am

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST GROW OPPORTUNITY FOR 2019 ...



The way from slavery to freedom is never easy. There are highs and lows, trials and challenges, times of progress and times of regression. But through it all is a God who acts graciously and powerfully to rescue his people and lead them on a way that brings freedom and life. Join us this Lent on a five week walk of discipleship as we journey through the book of Exodus and discover a God who also acts graciously in our own lives to deliver us from slavery and give us fullness of freedom and life.

Mondays at Epping, 7.30pm

11 March • 18 March • 25 March • 1 April
15 April • (no session 8 April)



Ever wanted to be part of something that makes a real difference? Want to have an opportunity to help others deepen their faith and learn more about God? Do you want some support and someone to journey with through the Bible? Join a LifeGroup today!!!

Come and experience what a LifeGroup is like on Thursdays during Lent, 7.30pm-9.30pm at the Newcastle Church, beginning 14 March and discover the joy of growing in grace together.

See Pastor Mat for more details.

NEW SERVICE AT EPPING

The new 11.30am service at Epping that was due to start on Sunday 3rd March 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 of this service until after Easter.

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



NPP HAS COME TO LIFEWAY

The New Payments Platform has come to LifeWay. You can now give your offering directly through your bank account by simply using the following PayID'S:

For Newcastle offerings, the PayID is **offerings.newcastle@lifeway.net.au**

For Epping Offerings, the PayID is **offerings.epping@lifeway.net.au**

It's just another way of making your giving to the Lord easier.



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



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord God, you speak and you act in the world around us, not only to call all people to you, but also to direct and guide us in the way of healing and wholeness. Give us such an awareness of our brokenness that we may acknowledge our need for you and the healing only you can give – a place at your table forever. Amen.

WE PRAY...

- For an inclusive love that is willing to be with those who are unhealthy spiritually so that they may know the God who heals.
- For those in the medical and health profession that God may use their skill and learning to bring healing and care to those who need it.
- For those in Victoria who are cleaning up after the devastating bushfires, that they may know God's presence in the ashes of their life.
- For the Church that we may be a hospital of healing to those who are isolated, marginalized, broken and in need of community.
- For the District as we prepare to elect our new Bishop, that God would guide and lead us in unity as we move forward in living out his purpose for this District at this time.
- With thanks to God for the generosity of the NSW District is giving us a grant to employ Wilkinson Hu as a Cross-Cultural and Asian Ministry Chaplain.
- For the step up to communion classes about to start at Newcastle, that the young people would be strengthened in their faith as they prepare over lent to come and receive Holy Communion.
- 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.

Welcome to the team

The installation of Wilkinson Hu will take place during the service at Epping, next Sunday 17th March. He will be installed as LifeWay's Cross-cultural and Asian Ministry Chaplain.

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY 17 MARCH



At the
TABLE

A place of
FORGIVENESS

Epping 9.30am with H.C. & installation of Wilkinson Hu

Newcastle 9.30am with H.C.

READING Luke 7:36-50

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.

SERVING...

— EPPING —

Reading	Ruth Niemczyk
Prayers	Fritz Berchtold
HC	Karen Albances Michelle Shepherd
Ushers	Walter & Andrea Firgau
Morning Tea	Shane & Karen Albances Ian Bitner
Flowers	Sabine Sloan
Data	David Hazell
Music	Band 3
Sound	John Klingberg

— NEWCASTLE —

Reading	Maureen Macpherson
HC	James Laundon
Ushers	Janette Gollodge
Morning Tea	Carolyn Keane, Linda Aurelius
Flowers	Ruth MacConnachie
Data	TBA



Did you know on average over 60 people listen or re-listen to sermons on the LifeWay app a week?

We hope to add Newcastle's weekly sermon very shortly so you can get two different takes on the same passage each week. Don't forget that you can write your own notes on the App of things that have stood out for you in the sermon, or things that you want to remember later. Just go to the sermon page and click on the link down the bottom right of the page.



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.



STEP UP TO
Communion

Classes at Newcastle begin Sunday 17 March

PLEASE SEE PASTOR MAT IF YOU HAVE A YOUNG PERSON AGED 6-10 WHO HAS NOT BEEN ADMITTED TO THE TABLE YET BUT WOULD LIKE TO.