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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.

We've all been there: You're having a pleasant meal when, out of nowhere, you take a bite or have a drink and suddenly you start choking, gagging and gasping for air as the food goes down the wrong way. It can be a painful and uncomfortable experience. Today, in an unexpected encounter at the table, an outpouring of emotion and gratitude goes down the wrong way as the host of the meal chokes on a bit of Lamb that he considers too hard to swallow. But Jesus' promise is that all who willingly receive this gift of grace will discover a place of forgiveness that is not only easy to swallow, but will restore, renew, and release to live fully and abundantly. For love is born from forgiveness and forgiveness makes love grow. And from great forgiveness, great love grows. May you discover that today.

WEEK 2 OF LENT SERIES:

At the **TABLE**



At the
TABLE *A place of*
FORGIVENESS

TODAY'S READING
Luke 7:36-50

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

How are you living daily in the forgiveness of God?

Two things to try this week:

1. When you have a shower/bath and wash your face, splash your face with water, and say, 'I am a forgiven child of God.'

2. Each night at the meal table, take it in turns to say to each family member, 'Name, if I have done anything today to hurt you, will you forgive me?'

The person responds: 'God already has forgiven you, and I forgive you too.'

WHAT'S ON?

THIS WEEK

SUN 17 **Epping KidsWay** 11am
Epping Ten: 10 11am

MON 18 **Conversational English Classes**
Epping 10am

Exodus Grow Course - #2
in back room, Epping 7.30pm

WED 20 **Purposeful Prayer**
in church, Epping 7am

Leadership Team meet
Epping 7.30pm

Band Practice
Epping 7.30pm

THUR 21 **Mainly Music**, Term 1
Newcastle 10am

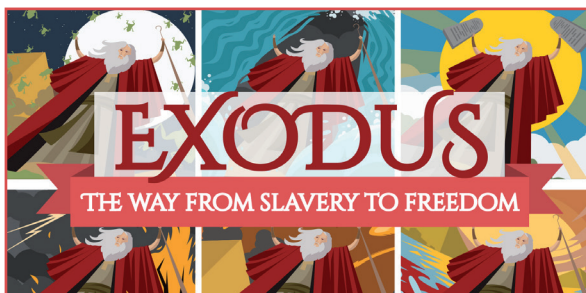
Mandarin Singing Group
Epping 10am

Purposeful Prayer
in back room, Epping 7.30pm

LifeGroup Experience
Newcastle, 7.30pm

FRI 22 **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 Jesus, you have forgiven us all things. Help us receive this news with joy, that our hearts may be filled with gratitude and our lives shaped by love. In your precious name we pray. Amen.

WE PRAY...

- For all Christians, that they may live out their faith in love for God and the world
- For all who are guilty of sin, that they may repent and seek forgiveness
- For all who desire forgiveness, that they may receive the comfort of absolution
- For all whom society regards as 'untouchable', that they may know God's love through the church
- For those nations and individuals who live as enemies, that they may forgive one another and live in peace
- With thanks to God for the safe arrival of Francis Evangeline Duarte, a daughter for Alex and Annie.
- For the District as we prepare to elect our new Bishop next weekend, 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 Wilkinson Hu as he is installed as our Cross-Cultural and Asian Ministry Chaplain and for his family, wife Magali and daughters Anna and Esther.
- 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.

congratulations



to Alex and Annie on the safe arrival of a baby girl, Francis Evangeline Duarte on 12 March at 5.26am. Please keep the Duarte's in your prayers at this exciting, changing time in their lives!

KIDS
CHURCH

save the date

Sunday 7 April, 9.30am
at Epping & Newcastle

WELCOME HOME PARTY

YOU'RE INVITED TO ...



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

Email: helenrod.witt@gmail.com

or phone/text: 0403 252 976



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.

NEXT WEEK
SUNDAY 24 MARCH



At the
TABLE

A place of
TRUST

Epping 9.30am with H.C. –
Baptism of Harvey Vlassis

Newcastle 9.30am with H.C.

READING Luke 11:37-54

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 Shane Burdack

Prayers Karen Albances

HC Rod Witt
Jo Schultz

Ushers Em & Ed Burke

Morning Tea John, Josi and
Amber Weiss

Flowers Ewa Borkowski

Data Dianne Bergen

Music Band 4

Sound Colin Burnett

NEWCASTLE

Reading TBA

HC Kim Johns

Ushers Annie Koch

Morning Tea Lutzia & Phil Uebergang

Flowers Ruth MacConnachie

Data Sabina Pichler