

## Single & Single-Again TUES NITES Meal, Message & Mixer

### Understanding Humanity – Costanza's Quest for Answers

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#### Understanding our Humanity

The good news, and it is good news, is that it is in the context of the need for redemption that the truth of the gospel brings **J**\_\_\_\_\_ into lives. This is where redemption occurs for those who suffer from the often devastating impact of living in a fallen world.

We don't understand the reasons behind seemingly senseless evil that is all around us, but we know that for those who **L**\_\_\_\_\_ **G**\_\_\_\_\_ all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose (Rom. 8:28).

#### Understanding the Design of the Mechanism

We were made to be in **R**\_\_\_\_\_ with **G**\_\_\_\_\_, and when we turn our back on this relationship it gives a crack or Satan and we often fight our fleshly desires.

When we live life based on God's guiding truth in **S**\_\_\_\_\_, we become holier and our lives are often impacted in an immensely positive way.

#### God's Original Plan for Humanity

- 1) To be human is to be **C**\_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Relationship to God is essential to being **H**\_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Humans bear the **I**\_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- 4) To be human is to **W**\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) To be human is to desire **S**\_\_\_\_\_.

#### The Fall – Five Effects of Sin

- 1) Sin distorts the **D**\_\_\_\_\_ between Creator and created.
- 2) Sin erodes our **A**\_\_\_\_\_ of life before the face of God.

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- 3) Sin corrupts the image of God in mankind and treats it with C\_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) Sin corrupts W\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Sin destroys S\_\_\_\_\_.

### **Redemption**

J\_\_\_\_\_ is the answer.

...More next week.

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#### Discussion Questions:

**George Costanza recognizes that his natural instincts often lead him astray. Discuss what situations you find yourself making the best decisions, and what situations you struggle with life’s challenges and decisions.**

What things in life become your false idols and in what situations do these idols manifest themselves?

**In what situations do you feel most connected to God? What spiritual practices (prayer, service, etc.) results in a close and intimate relationship with God for you?**

How has your life best reflected God’s original plan?

**What things do you feel you need to do differently related to God’s original plan in your life?**

What issues and items can you pray for in your group that would help others in their Christian walk based on what you have heard?

#### HELPFUL TIPS for

#### Great Table Discussions

**Each table should have a designated**

**Table Host.**

**1. Use God’s ear-to-mouth ratio:**

Listen two times more than you speak. 1 or 2 people should not dominate the time, and EVERYONE should contribute during the discussion.

**2. Smile and be friendly.**

Avoid excessive complaining about people or personal problems.

**3. God’s grace rules the day**

Recognize that everyone will not always agree – be gracious and give grace to one another. People are at different places in their spiritual walk and in their life journey.

**4. Moving the discussion along.**

Table host/facilitators are to move the discussion along. They have permission to limit any negative comments, to invite people to answer a question, to ask someone for their perspective, to limit the amount of time some people speak, and to move on to the next question.

**5. Help for the hurting:**

This is a supportive group, but it is not a support group or a therapy session. But if someone is really hurting, take a moment and have someone in the group specifically pray for them.

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