

The Lord's Supper

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Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself, with a friend, or in a group to help you pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus this week!

Open

As we get ready to celebrate Easter next Sunday, this week Pastor Don walks us through the events surrounding Jesus' last meal with His disciples before He was arrested and crucified. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John all record the details of that night as the group observed the Jewish festival of Passover (which celebrated God's deliverance of the Israelites out of Egypt), and it was at that time when Jesus gave us instructions on how to remember His sacrifice for us through participating in what's become known as the Lord's Supper. To get your study started, let everyone share the ways they observe or celebrate important past events in their own lives - celebrations with friends? Times of quiet reflection? Something else?

BIG THOUGHT

When we participate in the Lord's Supper, we're remembering that Jesus died in our place to save us just like the lambs that died to save the Israelites from death in Egypt.

1. Read Exodus 12:1-40 to learn the origins of the feast Jesus and His disciples were celebrating. Luke wrote his book about Jesus so that anyone (Jewish or not) could understand what God was doing through Him - how can we see this reflected in Luke 22:7? How does knowing the background of the Passover meal help us understand the rest of what happens in this passage?
2. Now read Luke 22:8-13. What instructions did Jesus give to Peter and John? Do you think these instructions were necessarily a display of Jesus' supernatural knowledge? What do you think the disciples thought? Why?

3. Read v. 14-16. Why does Jesus say He was eager to celebrate this particular Passover with His disciples? (v. 15) What do you think the disciples thought when they heard Jesus say that the Passover feast's meaning would be "fulfilled"? (Hint: in the original Passover, Israel escaped from their Egyptian masters... who were Israel's masters at this point in history?)
4. Jesus then leads His disciples through the symbolic Passover meal that remembers the blood of those first lambs and the bread that the first Israelites took with them when they fled Egypt. How does Jesus reinterpret the elements (v. 17-20)? Do you think the disciples had any clue what Jesus was doing? Would you have? Explain your thoughts...
5. Now read 1 Corinthians 11:26-29. Why is our attitude so important when we participate in the Lord's Supper? What are some steps can we take to "examine ourselves" as we prepare to remember Jesus through the Lord's Supper?

Take it Further

Tell Jesus thank you for being the perfect and complete sacrifice to save us. As John the baptizer said, Jesus really is the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

Daily Verse Readings

Day 1: Matthew 26:26-28

Day 4: Isaiah 53:5-6

Day 2: Acts 2:42

Day 5: John 6:33

Day 3: 1 Corinthians 10:16

Day 6: 1 Corinthians 11:25

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 11:26



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