

“BREAD AND BUTTER”

Mark 14:12-26, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

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Ordinances (a.k.a. Sacraments) *are a big deal...*

Communion (a.k.a. Lord's Supper, Eucharist, Breaking of Bread) *is an amazing and important...*

RITUAL

REENACTMENT

Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread

(Ex 12:1-13:16; 23:15; 34:18-20,25; Lev 23:4-14; Num 28:16-25; Deut 16:1-8; Josh 4:19-23; 5:10-12; and 2 Chron 30:2,3,13,15)

REAPPLICATION

The Passover

God remembered his covenant
Slavery in Egypt
Deliverance from Egypt
Blood of Passover Lamb

Interpretation of elements
Call for continual celebration

The Last Supper

A new covenant is enacted
[Slavery to sin?]
Forgiveness of sins (Mt 26:28)
Blood of Christ (our Passover, 1 Cor 5:7; the lamb of God, Jn 1:29, 35)

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REALITY

REMEMBRANCE

REEXAMINATION

“Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you — unless indeed you fail the test?”
2 Corinthians 13:5

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Reflective Questions for You and Your Small Group

- ICEBREAKER: What is your favorite worship song and why?
1. When did you first take communion? Share. How old were you? Did you have to be a certain age or go through a class before taking communion? Share. If you don't remember your first time taking communion, then what is your earliest memory of taking communion?
 2. Read Mark 14:1-26. Discuss how Judas' betrayal of Jesus intensifies the Lord's Supper.
 3. Discuss how communion is a: reenactment, reapplication, reality, remembrance, and reexamination.
 4. What do you want to remember the next time you take communion?
 5. Why do you think Christ chose a community meal to be the thing to remember him by?
 6. In Mark 14:24 Jesus described the beverage at the Passover meal as his blood and as “the covenant.” How does the covenant God gave to Israel compare to the new covenant Christ gave by his blood?
 7. What difference should it make in your everyday life that Jesus sacrificed His body and blood for your salvation?
 8. How does the reality that Jesus suffered and endured the cross for you transform your life in daily worship and missional service toward others?