

An Extraordinary Meal Message 11 Joshua J. Masters

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# Outline

... "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this to remember Me."

Luke 22:19b (NIV)

# A. Introduction

(Matthew 26:17-19; Luke 22:7-16; 1 Corinthians 10:16-18; 11:26-30)

Communion is a meal of \_\_\_\_\_

and\_\_\_\_\_.

- B. We commune with Christ by reflecting on...
  - 1. A tragic\_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 26:20-25. C/R: Isaiah 53:6; John 13:22-30; Romans 3:23-25; 5:10)

2. A sacrificed \_\_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 26:26; Luke 22:19. C/R: Deuteronomy 16:3; Isaiah 53:3-5; 1 Corinthians 5:7; Hebrews 10:10; 1 Peter 2:24)

3. A poured out \_\_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 26:27-28. C/R: Exodus 6:6-7; 12:12-13; 24:8; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Zechariah 9:11)

4. A new \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 26:29-30. C/R: Isaiah 25:6-8; 1 Corinthians 15:22-23; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Revelation 19:9)

**Answers:** A. remembrance, self-examination **B. 1.** betrayal **2.** body **3.** blood **4.** beginning **Resource Information:** Scripture quotations marked (NLT) are taken from the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation, copyright © 1996, 2004, 2015 by Tyndale House Foundation. Used by permission of Tyndale House Publishers, a Division of Tyndale House Ministries, Carol Stream, Illinois 60188. All rights reserved. C/R refers to a 'cross reference.' Today's outline and discussion guide are available through the Brookwood Church app.

# Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit <u>brookwoodchurch.org/adults</u>.

#### **Conversation Starter**

What do you remember most about mealtimes growing up?

## Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

## **Bible Study and Group Discussion**

#### Read Mathew 26:17-30.

The Passover meal was established to commemorate the freeing of the Jews from slavery in Egypt (see Exodus 12:1-13:16). The Lord's Supper (sometimes called Communion) is the remembrance of Jesus freeing us from our slavery to sin by His death, burial and resurrection. May this week's lesson lead you into a deeper experience of hope and salvation.

- 1. When was the last time you participated in the Lord's Supper and felt a rich, intimate connection to Jesus? Describe what that was like.
- 2. When Jesus said *one of you will betray me* (vs. 21), it caused the disciples to look inward. Why is it important to reflect on our own hearts when participating in the Lord's Supper?
- 3. The sacrifice of Jesus (represented by the bread and wine) confirmed a new covenant between God and His people. What insights do you find about the new covenant in Jeremiah 31:31-34?
- 4. Jesus is the substitutionary sacrifice that secures the forgiveness of our sin. Describe a time you experienced God's forgiveness.
- 5. Why is it so important that we celebrate the Lord's Supper together?

- 6. When Jesus said He won't drink the wine until He drinks it *new with you*, He is promising His unconditional commitment to us until the very end. How deep is your assurance of God's unending love? For further reflection, read Revelation 19:6-9.
- 7. Compare and contrast Mathew 26:17-30 with the original Passover found in Exodus 12:1-14. How do the similarities and differences help you understand the purpose of the Lord's Supper?
- 8. What can you do to make the Lord's Supper a more special time for you?

# **Spiritual Practice**

A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. We hope these practices become a regular part of your life so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.

After the Passover meal, the disciples sang a hymn. This was likely from Psalms 113-118 which were often sung or read at Jewish festivals. Choose one of these Psalms each day this week and read it out loud. As you read, notice both the character and work of God. Praise God for who He is and thank Him for His unending faithfulness and love.

#### **Memory Verse**

But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:5 (NIV)

# **Daily Reading**

Day 1: John 13:22-30	Day 4: Exodus 6:6-8
Day 2: Romans 3:21-26	Day 5: Revelation 19:6-9
Day 3: Deuteronomy 16:1-8	

#### **Prepare for Next Sunday**

Next Sunday, September 11, we'll look at the ministry plan for the upcoming year. There will also be a Community Group and Ministry Sampler in the Concourse before and after each service. Let's all take steps to grow in loving God and loving people!

