

Growth Group Bible Study

The Week that Was for Jesus - Sermon Series

The Last Meal that Lasts

April 7, 2019

Reading Luke 22:7– 20

Opening Questions

1. What is one of the most memorable or best meals you have ever had (i.e. where you remember the food or the occasion, etc.)?
2. Have you been part of a church fellowship that did Communion different than our church? What was that like for you?
3. As you participate in our Communion service, what do you tend to think about or pray about etc. as you wait to take the elements?
4. Can you think of a particular Communion service that has had a special impact on your life?

Study

1. From Luke 22:7-13 what is significant about the preparations made for Jesus' "last meal"?
2. The setting of the meal is the Jewish Passover. What do we know about that (what was served, why it was celebrated and its significance to the Jewish people)? cf. Exodus 11:1-10; 12:1-14; 12:42
3. What is the significance of Jesus saying (22:15), "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer" and (22:16), "I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God"? cf. John 13:1; Rev. 19:7-9

4. What is the significance of Jesus sharing the cup with the disciples in 22:17?
5. As Jesus shares bread with disciples in 22:19, what is He alluding to? What does the bread now mean? Why is it not literally his body?
6. In 22:20, Jesus tells us what the cup of wine now symbolizes. What is He telling us about His “blood poured out”? What is the significance of this to us as Christians? cf. Lev. 17:11; Hebrews 9:22; 10:19-22
7. When Jesus says “do this in remembrance of Me” (22:19) what is He asking us to remember? How do we “best remember”? What does Paul say about this in 1 Cor. 11:23-26?
8. What does Jesus mean by “the new covenant” in 22:20? cf. Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 9:15; 12:24
9. In what way is it important to us to “reconnect” as Christians through taking Communion together?
10. How do you feel about singing “Bless Be the Tie that Binds” and joining hands at the end of our Communion service?

Application

1. Perhaps commit to concentrating more on remembering, reflecting and reconnecting the next time you are in a Communion service rather than just being “rote” about it.