

Communion (Celebrating the Work of God)

What you need:

Elements (crackers and juice cups)

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Communion is something that Jesus Himself started during the Passover meal with His disciples the night He was Betrayed. We often call this meal the Last Supper. Jesus showed how He, as the True Lamb of God, was the prophetic fulfillment of Passover.

Communion is remembering by looking back and anticipating what's coming in the future. We remember and we rejoice for what is to come.

Remember Christ for what He has done.

- When Jesus took the bread, you can imagine that He had real bread that He ripped right in half...Jesus suffered physical beatings, flogging and crucifixion on the Cross; He became sin for us.
- Jesus said that wine poured out was representative of His blood which would be poured out. His blood flowed for you and for me; representing the new covenant of grace and forgiveness.

Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus

- Jesus is alive! He rose from the dead! And He will return! Praise God for His power; His forgiveness; and for eternal life. Praise God for being present in our lives every day. Jesus rose from the dead and we will too!

Communion is not meant to be taken lightly. It's an ordinance (not a sacrament, we don't believe there is any mystical thing that happens to the bread or the wine, it is not literal body and blood, it is a representation of the body and blood of Jesus). We want to examine our hearts in communion.

Read 1 Corinthians 11:27-28. Take a minute to reflect and examine your heart.

27 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. **28** Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. **29** For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Read 1 Corinthians 11: 23-24. Take communion together.

23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, **24** and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

EAT THE BREAD

25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." **26** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

DRINK THE CUP

Prayer (leader close in prayer)

Thank Jesus for all He has forgiven you for (past, present and future)