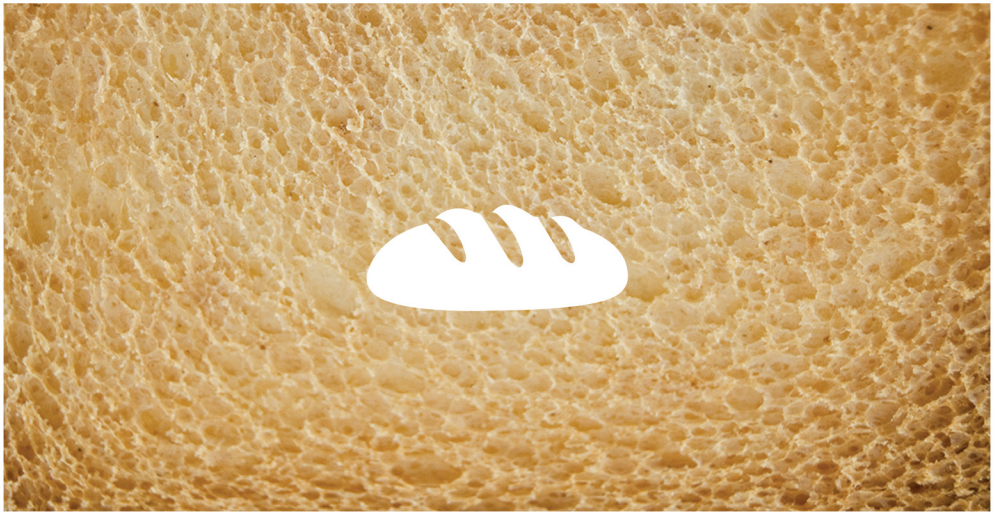


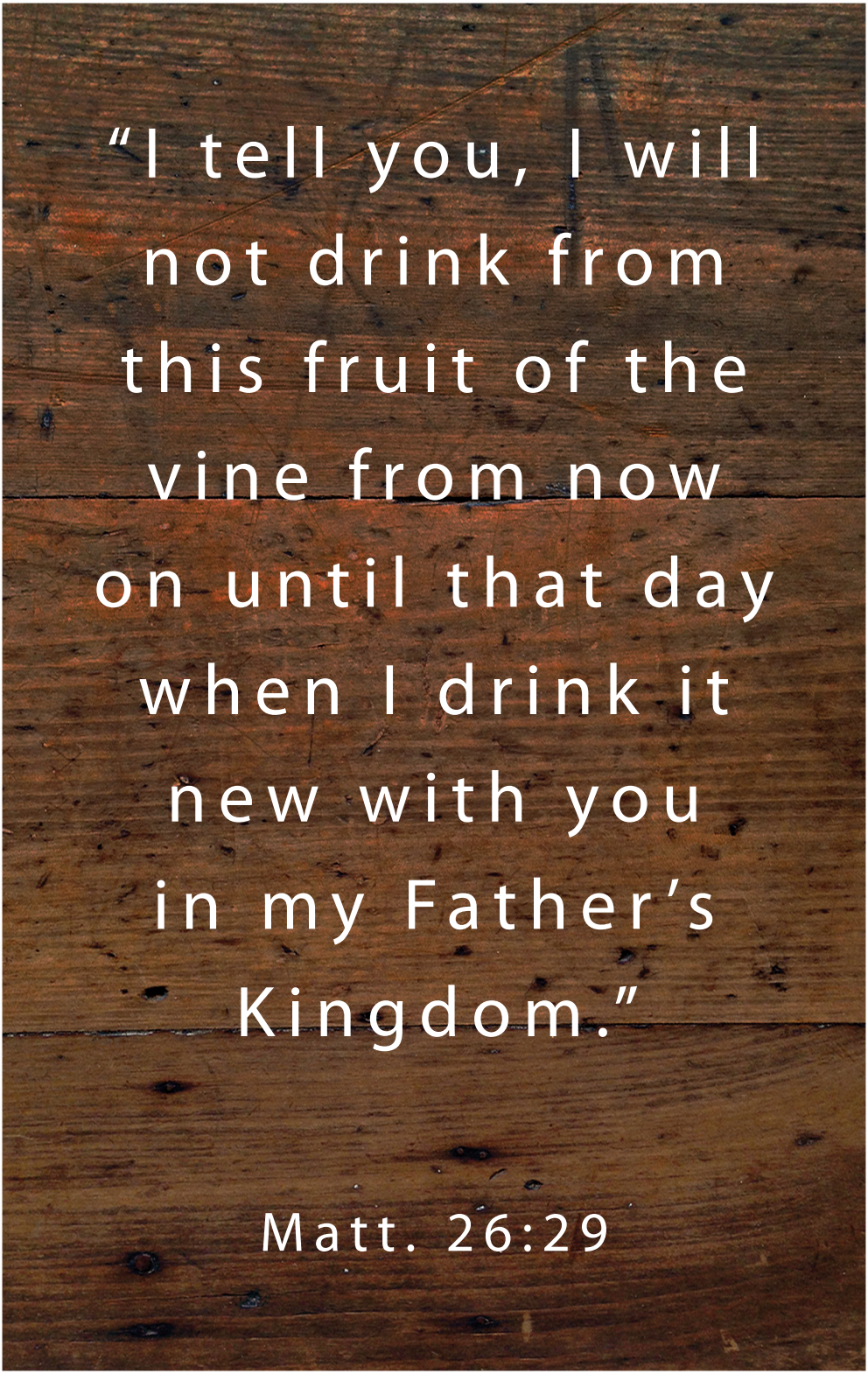


COME TO THE TABLE

Experiencing God's Presence In Communion

A 7 Week Devotional For Individuals And Groups

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“I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s Kingdom.”
Matt. 26:29

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INTRODUCTION

Experiencing God is at the heart of Vineyard worship. We regularly gather together in community to draw near to God as he draws near to us (James 4:8). Participating in practices that help form us into the image of Christ, our hearts long to encounter God! One way to experience God's presence is by celebrating the Lord's Supper.

Known also as Communion or the Eucharist, "breaking bread" is much more than a mere ritual. It is unfortunate that we sometimes overlook such a powerful way to both remember and proclaim Christ's death! In this way, sharing the Bread and Cup is a transformational experience where we remember, celebrate, and encounter God. By faith we receive and treasure Christ crucified, through a meal that anticipates a greater meal, the "wedding supper of the Lamb." As we eat the Bread and drink the Cup, we express adoration to King Jesus and invite his kingdom to come. Communion reinforces our identity as a community of pilgrims journeying toward a new heavens and a new earth.

The Lord's Supper *teaches* us about God's love and the value of community. The shared act of receiving Communion together *forms* us. When we partake, we *participate in* and *reenact* the "drama of redemption," Jesus' death on the cross for our salvation.

This booklet has been designed to help you experience God's presence as you remember and celebrate the Lord's death. *Come To The Table* can be used for individual or group study or it can serve as a resource for a sermon series.

HOW TO USE THIS STUDY

1. Read the recommended passages of Scripture. These are located at the top of each section. These Scriptures have been selected to help you meditate on that chapter's theme.

2. Discuss the questions. These questions will help you reflect, and provide a context for the Holy Spirit to come and minister to you and/or your group.

3. Take Communion. The early church "...broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God…" (Acts 2:46-47). Invite God's presence as you receive and share the Bread and Cup.

4. Pray. Some of the prayers are intended for praying before receiving Communion, and others are for praying after receiving Communion. You can pray these personally, or with your group.

TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD

PS. 34:8; JN. 6:22-59; PS. 77; EPH. 3:14-19; PS. 136

Scripture invites us to deeply experience the vast love of God by pointing us directly to God himself. The Psalmist invites us to "taste and see that the Lord is good" (Ps. 34:8). This is an invitation to both *acknowledge* God's goodness as well as to *experience* God's goodness.

God's redemption story culminates in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah. Jesus' death on the cross revealed the depth of God's love for broken people. After all, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). Why did Jesus die for you? Answers abound, yet we can say as a matter of fact that Jesus died in order that you could experience salvation *now* as well as in the future!

Many people view God as a "cosmic killjoy." The truth is that God desires to bless us with his love, presence, and power. As the Gospel renews and transforms us, we taste deeper and see more clearly God's goodness and incredible love for us. The apostle Paul wrote that we have been blessed "with every spiritual blessing in Christ" (Eph. 1:3). Taste and see that the Lord is good. Drink deep from our Good and Beautiful God. Treasure Christ, for in him are "the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor. 1:24).

For many years, I *knew* about God's love, but on many levels had not *experienced* God's love. I had yet to understand how deeply *personal* God's love for *me* was. I had yet to encounter the affections of God's heart for *me* and his desire for a relationship with *me*. One day, while receiving prayer at a conference, I encountered God in an unexpected way. What happened can only be described as being "undone" by

the love of God. The width, length, height, and depth of Christ's love left me longing to continually taste and see that the Lord *is* good! In the Vineyard, this invitation is one we regularly pursue and one that we regularly experience. As the Spirit comes and raises our affections toward Jesus, we experience the profound love of Jesus.

You are deeply loved… so much so that God sent his Son to take up the Cross and die for *your* sins! And you have an invitation to go deeper than *knowing* this; you are invited to *experience* God's love. Taste and see that the Lord is good. You were created to be loved. When we gather to take the Lord's Supper, we gather to respond to the Psalmist's invitation to taste and see that the Lord is good. Jesus said:

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty" (John 6:35).

If the invitation is to taste and see that the Lord is good, what better way to put this into practice than taking the Lord's Supper? When we take Communion, we remember and encounter Jesus. As we eat the Bread and drink the Cup, we say, "Yes, he deeply *loves* me. Yes, I treasure Jesus' death. Yes, the Lord *is* good."

Taste and see… you are deeply loved.

When we take Communion, we remember and encounter Jesus.

Prayer

God, we want to encounter you and experience your love for us. We believe you died for our sins and that through Jesus we can "taste and see" that you are indeed good. Reveal your deep love for us as we eat this Bread and take this Cup. Come, Holy Spirit.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it important to connect God's love to the Lord's Supper?
- Have you ever had an experience of feeling the love of God personally? How would you describe it? How has it affected your life since then?
- If you had to pick one word to describe your relationship with God, what would it be?
- What is the most profound part of taking Communion, in your experience?

MEDITATE ON THE DEATH OF CHRIST

IS. 52:13-53:12; LK. 23:26-49; PHIL. 2:5-11; GAL. 2:15-21; 1 COR. 1:18-31

Without the death of Christ there would be no hope for redemption. Through the cross, Jesus demonstrated that he came to serve and "to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28). As we receive Communion, we remember, celebrate, and give thanks for Jesus' sacrificial death.

In order to better understand the Lord's Supper, we must reflect on the full scope of the crucifixion event. When reading the Gospels, we find that Jesus is arrested, mocked, and beaten by the Jewish religious leaders. Not soon after, we see him standing before a crowd that only a week earlier had cheered, "Hosanna." Now they angrily cry, "Crucify him!" Pressured by the crowds, Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, has Jesus flogged, and later sentences him to death. Next Jesus is stripped naked, his hands are fastened to a post, and Roman soldiers (highly trained with the skills to punish) beat Jesus. The type of whip they used was made out of leather that had pieces of lead and bone at its end. It was so vicious a weapon that the Jews only allowed thirty-nine lashes; the Romans had no such limit. Next, Jesus is forced to carry the cross on which he would soon be crucified. Unable to carry his cross due to trauma and loss of blood, a man named Simon was forced to help. Finally, they come to Calvary and Jesus is treated as a common criminal and crucified.

For followers of Jesus the story of his death is deeply moving because the message of the cross is deeply *personal*. Jesus died for *you*. The Son of God experienced an agonizing, painful, and distressing death because he deeply loves *you*. The Incarnation and death of Christ demonstrate that God initiated *your* salvation and has provided the way for *your* sin and brokenness to be redeemed. How fitting that Jesus

was given his name "because he will save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). He came to save his people, you and I, by dying on a cross. *Selah*.

Remembering the death of Jesus is foundational to our relationship with God.

When we hold the Bread and Cup in our hands, we are invited to meditate upon Jesus' death. We contemplate his great love for us and for those around us, evidenced by his self-sacrifice. The Lord's Supper is an invitation to come and draw near to the crucified and risen Savior. This is to be a profoundly soul-satisfying experience where we remember Jesus' death *then* and experience his presence *now*. As many followers of Jesus will acknowledge, encountering God transforms us from the inside out and leads to our worship and surrender.

Remembering the death of Jesus is foundational to your relationship with God. Not only is it the *means* by which you have experienced God's love, but it should serve as a *reminder* as well. The cross of Christ is a powerful message. The apostle Paul wrote that "the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved *it is the power of God*" (1 Cor. 1:18).

Prayer

Jesus, thank you for dying for me. Your great love was on full display as you were nailed to that cross on Calvary. As you have invited me to draw near to you through your death, I come. Thank you for receiving me. Please transform me and empower me to love and serve others in the same way that you have loved and served. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, grace me with your presence and strengthen my heart. Come, Holy Spirit.

Discussion Questions

- What words would you use to describe Christ's death?
- Why is Jesus' death so important to the Christian faith?
- When you take the Lord's Supper, what stands out to you about Jesus' death?
- How does remembering Christ's death make you feel?

RECEIVE SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

PS. 103; IS. 40; 2 KI. 23:1-20; 1 COR. 10:16-18; ROM. 12:1-8

Authentic Christian spirituality is a life-long journey. Life is filled with ups and downs – mountain-tops and valleys. While we may not look forward to these difficulties, Christians have long experienced God's presence in the midst of suffering. When we are stumbling in the desert, God's presence often provides the needed strength to press on and endure. When we join the Psalmist by asking the Lord to renew a right spirit within us (Ps. 51:10). In these moments, we can remind ourselves that those who hope in the Lord *will* renew their strength (Isa. 40:31).

In the Vineyard, we value partnering with the Holy Spirit. Among the many facets of the Spirit's work in our lives, the Spirit makes God's presence *real* and *personal* to us, both individually and collectively. Individually, we come to *experience* God as Father and Savior by the activity of the Spirit. Collectively, we *experience* God's work in our worship gatherings as the Spirit sovereignly empowers us to build each other up and worship God in spirit and truth (Jn. .

This leads to some important questions. What does the Holy Spirit do when we take Communion? How is the Spirit at work? While the Spirit helps us to remember Jesus' death and the forgiveness we have received, we often overlook the importance of spiritual renewal. When we gather around the Lord's Table, the Spirit seeks to renew and refresh us through this sacrament. As the Lord is present with us, we are renewed and refreshed (Acts 3:20).

In 1 Corinthians 10:16, the apostle Paul noted that when we celebrate the Lord's Supper there is *koinonia*. This Greek word is often translated as "fellowship," "participation," "communion," or "sharing."

The Lord *is* present, in a very *real* sense, when we take the Eucharist. This "Eucharistic" participation is a means by which we encounter

Jesus. The Bread and Cup are channels that help up enjoy deep fellowship with Jesus' life-giving presence. This visible sign of the New Covenant conveys the grace and mercy of the kingdom of God, functioning as a tangible reality.

This means that Jesus *really is present* when we celebrate the Lord's Supper because the Spirit *really does indwell* followers of Jesus! When God's people gather around the Table and reflect on Jesus' sacrificial love, they invite the Holy Spirit to come and strengthen their hearts.

The author of Hebrews writes that "it is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace" (Heb. 13:9). The Lord's Supper is an ongoing rhythm that provides us with an opportunity to encounter this much needed grace. It is this grace that sustains, encourages, and gives us spiritual renewal.

Embedded within the Communion experience is a reflection upon the Gospel, the story of the king and his kingdom. If the story of salvation is held together by the message of Jesus, we would be wise to meditate on him often.

This is likely one explanation as to why the early church was devoted to regularly celebrating the Eucharist (Acts 2:42). We are strengthened by the regular preaching of Jesus Christ (Rom. 16:25) and the Lord's Supper is a great way to feast on this message of renewal!

The Lord's Supper is an ongoing rhythm.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, renew, refresh, and strengthen our hearts as we come to your Table. God, as we hold this Bread and Cup, we acknowledge that Jesus is here with us, loving us and transforming us by the power of your Spirit. We thank you for never leaving us or overlooking us. Please increase our trust in you. Thank you for meeting with us.

Discussion Questions

- What does the word "renewal" mean to you and how have you experienced it in the past?
- What season of life are you in right now? Valley? Mountain-top? Paradise? Wilderness? How can God meet your needs right now?
- How has the Holy Spirit refreshed you when you've taken the Lord's Supper?
- What is your most difficult challenge to encountering God when you celebrate Communion?

EXPRESS THANKSGIVING TO GOD

PS. 100; COL. 3:16-17; IS. 51; PHIL. 4:4-7; EPH. 5:1-21

One Sunday during Communion, I watched as one of my children dropped the cup, spilling it on the carpet. Immediately I recalled a story from Martin Luther's life where a woman spilled the chalice and Luther immediately rushed over and reverently licked up the wine. It is said that Luther was so upset that he had tears in his eyes. In the spirit of Luther (I thought), I foolishly told my daughter that she was not allowed to take the Lord's Supper anymore. Communion is serious business, right?

It's been said that "Christianity is one beggar telling another beggar where he found bread." If Communion is about *anything*, it is about God's grace.

If receiving the Bread and Cup is a celebration of God's love and forgiveness, as well as a means of renewing and proclaiming our faith in Jesus, shouldn't we *encourage* Jesus followers to partake? The Lord's Supper *is* sacred and certainly causes us to examine ourselves (1 Cor. 11:28), but *what* exactly are we examining and how do we respond to what we find? We are to examine ourselves, our understanding of Jesus' self-sacrificial death, and the needs of the community around us. Are we in need of grace? Has that grace been demonstrated by Jesus' work on the cross? If we answer "yes" to these questions, we should by all means approach the Table and receive Communion!

After all, this sacrament was instituted by Jesus as a way to express gratitude (the word "eucharist" comes from the Greek word for "thanks"). Jesus himself took the Bread and Cup and gave thanks (Luke 22:17-19). When we come face to face with our need for grace and, in turn, experience that grace, Christians express worship and thankfulness! Instead of "obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking," our mouths should be filled with "thanksgiving" (Eph. 5:4). As God's people, our prayers are to

be characterized by overflowing gratitude (Phil. 4:6 and Col. 2:7), as we express thankfulness by recalling what we are grateful for. Similar to how Thanksgiving Day is a yearly rhythm when people should slow down and express thanks, the Lord's Supper is a regular reminder of what God has done for us.

In receiving Communion, we have a moment to meditate on what we are thankful for, or more appropriately, *who* we are thankful for.

The word "eucharist" comes from the Greek word for "thanks."

I stood there looking at my daughter holding an empty cup, worried that a simple accident would mean she could no longer participate in Communion. The only thing I could do was to apologize. Taking her into my arms, I expressed my sorrow and explained to her that the *great* news of the kingdom of God was that Jesus died on the cross for our sins. We are forgiven. Every time we receive Communion we have a chance to remember and *experience* God's love, mercy and forgiveness. To know that we are forgiven for our sins, brokenness, accidents, or whatever else that we need to turn over to God are precisely *why* we remember Jesus and his work.

Holding my daughter in my arms, I could only express gratitude to God for his love, patience, and his ability to teach me more about grace. As we approach the Lord during Communion, we come as hungry beggars who have found bread… the Bread of Life (John 6:35).

Walking to the Table and picking up another cup to give to her, we both feasted on the risen Christ together, thankful for his love.

Prayer

God, we are thankful for so many things. Mostly we are thankful for you and your love. Come Holy Spirit. Help us to remember all that you've done for us.

Discussion Questions

- What are you *most* thankful to God for?
- Why is being thankful so important?
- How does the Lord's Supper help you express gratitude?
- What are other ways that you could express thankfulness to God?

PURSUE GOD'S JUSTICE

DEUT. 10:12-20; IS. 61; MT. 5:1-11; AMOS 5:18-24; MT. 25:31-4

It was time for the Lord's Supper. I watched as individuals, couples, and families came forward. Our service was full to capacity and I noticed that the Bread and Wine were disappearing rapidly. To make matters worse, I noticed two families walked into the service late! We did not have enough Bread and Wine for everyone. Thankfully several members shared with those running late and no one went without. Not everyone held a cup, but everyone was served. We were living out the teachings of Scripture, and God used this to show me how the Lord's Supper connects to social justice.

Social justice may not be a theme that you think of when considering the Eucharist, but it was an issue that came up for the Corinthian believers. Paul addresses this in 1 Corinthians 11 because some of the Corinthians were selfishly consuming the Bread and Wine. They were over-indulging and abusing the Eucharistic meal in a "feeding frenzy," while the less fortunate were left without an opportunity to participate. The apostle Paul told the Corinthians that they needed to be thoughtful and discerning of everyone's needs in the church (1 Cor. 11:29) so that they could "all eat together" (1 Cor. 11:33).

Compassion is at the very heart of pursuing social justice. Jesus was moved by compassion to minister to people (Matt. 9:36; 15:32). Compassion moves us to intentionally act on behalf of those who are less fortunate, oppressed, or marginalized. This was Paul's solution in Corinth. Are there those who are poor, hungry, and less fortunate among you? Put their needs before your own!

This commitment to self-sacrifice is a Vineyard value. We lean toward the lost, the poor, the outcast, and the outsider with the compassion of Jesus. We believe that ministry in Jesus' name should be expressed in concrete ways and that the poor

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are to be served as though we are serving Jesus himself. Compassion constitutes the leading edge of our service to God, others, and a broken world. Jesus *is* present in Communion, reminding us of his sacrificial love. In turn, we must consider others and their needs before our own.

How we treat and care for people matters. When Jesus summarized all of the commands of God, he told his followers to both love God and love others (Matt. 22:37-39).

Communion challenges us to pursue the justice of God's kingdom, whether we labor against human trafficking, poverty, or other issues of injustice.

By all means, *share* the Bread and Cup. Ensure that *all* are invited to experience the life-transforming relationship of knowing Jesus. Remember that the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve (Matt. 20:28). Remain committed to proclaiming and demonstrating the Gospel to the poor. Communion reminds us to love others and intentionally serve those in need.

Prayer

Father, we desire the justice of your kingdom in our world. Would you help us identify where we can put our energy? How would you like us to serve those who are overlooked and oppressed? What would your justice look like in our community, and who needs us to be their advocate? Lord, send us!

Discussion Questions

- How would you define social justice?
- How does taking the Bread and Cup reveal God's heart for the outcast and the poor?
- In what way does taking communion challenge us to pursue social justice?
- In what ways can we remind ourselves to think of other's needs as we partake of the Bread and Cup?

SHARE GIFTS AT THE TABLE

1 COR. 11:17-34; 1 COR. 12; 1 COR. 13; 1 COR. 14; 1 PET. 4:8-11

Imagine gathering together in celebration of the Lord's Supper, when suddenly the Holy Spirit shows up. The remembrance of Jesus' death, which is foundational to healing (1 Pet. 2:24), becomes a sacred moment where God's people lay hands on one another and experience healing. In this moment, the Spirit of Jesus is present in both the sharing of the Bread and Cup as well as in the sharing of prophetic words. Is this scenario a possibility?

While we may realize that the apostle Paul taught on Communion and spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 11-14), we often overlook that his teachings are tied together. To read Paul in context would be to acknowledge that he sees these two subjects as interconnected. For example, Paul recounts Jesus' instructions concerning the Lord's Supper in 1 Corinthians 11. In chapter twelve, we read that the Holy Spirit sovereignly empowers gifts in order to unify, bless, and build up the church. These spiritual gifts, as we read in chapter thirteen, are ineffective without love, the greatest expression in the kingdom. Paul then offers clarifications concerning tongues, interpretation, and prophecy in the fourteenth chapter.

The apostle Paul saw a connection between the church, Communion, and spiritual gifts. There is a natural transition from discussing Communion to spiritual gifts because "breaking bread" was a regular part of the worship gatherings in the early church (Acts 2:42). This also makes sense because the Eucharist is a means of experiencing Jesus' grace, and spiritual gifts are essentially expressions of God's grace. While our hearts awaken to the profound depth of God's love, it makes sense that we would experience the gifts of the Spirit at the Lord's Table.

In the Vineyard we take seriously the command to seek first the kingdom of God (Matt. 6:33). When we pray, we pray the very priorities that Jesus taught in the Lord's Prayer: *"Our Father in heaven,*

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:9-10). Gathering together, we anticipate and expect God's kingdom to come and break into our lives.

The Lord's Supper is the perfect context for God to display his presence.

The kingdom is the dynamic rule and reign of God. Shouldn't we view Communion as an encounter with King Jesus hosting a meal and demonstrating his rule and reign? What if we celebrated the Eucharist with an eye to see, and an ear to hear, what the Father is doing? The Lord's Supper is the perfect context for God to display his presence.

So what can we expect when we celebrate Communion, and how should we respond? Some time ago, as our congregation gathered at the altar to receive Communion, we were encouraged to fellowship, affirm, and pray for one another. After receiving the Bread and Cup, people followed the Spirit's leading and began to gather in small groups. As God's presence became tangible, people began to lay hands on each other in order to pray. Prophetic words, along with warm embraces, were exchanged. Spiritual gifts, both the "supernatural" and the "natural" were shared and imparted. Healing was experienced and King Jesus was glorified around his Table.

Prayer

Lord, we seek your kingdom and love your ways! Help us to be sensitive and aware of how your Spirit is at work as we receive Communion. Show us how we can bless those around us. Come Holy Spirit! We desire your spiritual gifts, so we invite your presence to empower and transform us. Amen.

Discussion Questions

- During the Lord's Supper have you ever sensed the Holy Spirit leading you to pray for someone or to share a prophecy with them? If so, share your story.
- How could you become more sensitive to the Lord's presence and direction during Communion?
- What are the challenges to experiencing both God's *presence* and *power* when you receive the Eucharist?
- What spiritual gifts do you desire? (lay hands on each other and pray for the Spirit's empowerment).

ANTICIPATE A FUTURE MEAL

IS. 25; MT. 26:26-30; LK. 24:13-45; 1 COR. 11:23-26; REV. 19:1-9

We see throughout Scripture food's remarkable ability to reveal spiritual truths. For example, as God delivered Israel from slavery in Egypt, the first Passover meal was instituted (Exod. 12). This meal was one of several feasts instituted by God to serve as a reminder of his gracious salvation. Feasting has long been a practice of God's people as a way to celebrate and remember his mighty acts. *All these feasts point to something greater than themselves – God.*

The Bread and Cup point to many truths which we have already covered. Yet perhaps the most exciting truth is that one day we will share a meal with Jesus face to face. At the Last Supper, Jesus said "I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Matt. 26:29). Why? Because "the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast." When? When the kingdom comes in its fullness, at the end of the age. On that day, God's people will collectively shout forth:

"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come… Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" (Rev. 19:6-9).

The anticipation of this heavenly feast should form the way that we celebrate and receive Communion. The apostle Paul states that "whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, *you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes*" (1 Cor. 11:26). The king is coming! This is why we approach the Table with longing, anticipating the future meal that we will share with our Savior! This is why we joyfully experience God's presence as we

eat the meal that points to the great meal to come!

Several years ago, I spent three weeks in Nepal helping equip pastors and churches. One of the churches I spent time with was in a small remote village in the Himalayas. They met in a building that had just enough space for about fifty adults and children. After a time of singing, the pastor led us in prayer and consecrated the Bread and Cup. As we sat on a dirt floor, the bread and a single cup was passed. It was truly one of the most solemn and beautiful moments in my life.

Though our languages and cultures were different, I sensed a common longing. We were united by a hope shared by children and adults, women and men, foreigner and locals – we all took Communion anticipating a day when we would share the meal that God had prepared for us with King Jesus.

Prayer

Jesus, as I receive Communion I am thankful that your Spirit is present with me. Knowing you are here encourages and strengthens me. I hope for, and anticipate, that one day we will be face to face and will together celebrate your kingdom. Lord, shape me into a person who lives in the tension of the "already" and "not yet" kingdom – Amen.

Feasting has long been a practice of God's people, as a way to celebrate and remember his mighty acts.

Discussion Questions

- Imagine that you were sitting at a dining table with Jesus. What would you say to him? What do you think he would say to you?
- How do you envision the "wedding supper of the Lamb" and how should that shape the way we celebrate Communion?
- What are some of the reasons that you long for Jesus to return?





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