

Matt. 26:26-29 Institution of the Lord's Supper Communion

Transition:

From Judgment and the End Times to an intimate time with His disciples, Jesus institutes Communion. Maybe therein lies the secret, that if we are to be looking ahead to the Last Days, it is important for us to have fellowship with one another by the breaking of bread and sharing in the Lord's Supper, proclaiming His death until He comes.

Tell the story:

Tell the story (with passion!) Do the best you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

Rebuild the story:

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the purpose and importance of communion?
2. Jesus says that this is the blood of the "new covenant" – what was the old covenant?

Fundamental:

Communion - On the night of the last supper, Jesus instituted a new covenant between God and man, a covenant for the redemption and hope of mankind. The cup of Christ, the new covenant of his blood, has held the place of highest veneration in the Christian faith. In participating in this sacred event, we remember how the Lord's body was broken for us and how the Lord's blood was shed for the remission of sins. Despite our doctrinal and denominational differences, we are united together at the Lord's table. In him, we have redemption through his blood.

1. All Christian denominations agree on the sacredness and important of this ordinance, why?
2. What does it mean that a man or woman should examine themselves before they take from the Lords table? What are the consequences of taking the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner? (1 Cor 11:23-30)
3. Why did many of Jesus' disciples leave Him in John 6 when Jesus talked about eating His flesh and drinking His blood?

Homework/Challenge:

1. As a small group, take communion together and pray for each other's needs beforehand.
2. Please read Matthew 27 in preparation for next week.

Discipleship Tip:

Watch the Passion of the Christ and take Communion as a Small Group!

Prayer:

Lord, we thank you that it's because of your blood we can be brought near. We thank you that you ransomed each of us and call us sons and daughters.