



## **Bridge Church Home Groups Questions**

Series: Finding Chemistry with God

Message: Loving God through Ritual and Symbol

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NOTE: Some questions are adapted from back section of *Sacred Pathways* from Gary Thomas.

### **QUESTIONS:**

1. What is your general disposition towards “tradition”? When you hear the word is it positive or negative to you? Explain.
  - a. Where do you see tradition at work in the life of your family or in our church?
2. Read Exodus 12:21-27. God was doing something momentous in the life of the Hebrew nation, freeing them from slavery in Egypt. He wanted them to memorialize this event as a true “God thing” in their history so that they would never forget this miraculous rescue.
  - a. What does God call them to do as a ritual?
  - b. What symbols are used to trigger remembrance?
3. Read Luke 22:7-20. Jesus’ last meal before going to the cross was the Passover celebration at which he instituted a new memorial for his followers. What do the bread and wine symbolize? What are the parallels between the Passover shedding of a lamb’s blood and Jesus’ shedding of his own blood? How can communion take on new meaning as you embrace the elements Jesus gave us in remembrance of Him?
4. What are some of the dangers of relying too much on tradition? Hint: Think of Jesus interactions with the Pharisees.
  - a. What is the difference between valuing tradition vs traditional-ism?
  - b. When is tradition healthy? When is it not?

### **CHALLENGE:**

Dream up a ritual or symbol you can do as a Home Group together to deepen faith in Jesus. Try it out for one week. It could include a daily times of prayer. It could be putting a cross over your doorway. Whatever you think! Reflect in your next meeting what effect it had on your walk with God.