

Commemoration and Celebration

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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

Read John 15

1. What do you think Jesus was thinking leading into his final night?
2. Why do you think Jesus reconfigured the Passover meal? Of all the final things he could have left us, why do think he chose a meal?
3. What is communion for you? What thoughts do you tend to have when having communion? Why?
4. What aspects of the sacrament of communion are commemorative? Why is it important that we 'remember'?
5. How is communion also a celebration? What is it a celebration of? Why is this important?
6. Why does Jesus call us 'friends'? What does this mean?
7. How does having Jesus as both Lord and friend shape your relationship with him?
8. "Remain in me," Jesus said. How do we do this? What rhythms, practices and people help you do this?
9. What is significant about the fact that communion was a gift given to the community of God's people? What does this tell us about part of its purpose?
10. How do you celebrate communion in your community?
11. How could you invite people to share your table over the coming week?

Prayer points:

- Pray for the people of Turkey and Syria in the aftermath of the earthquake.
- Pray for the ill and vulnerable in our communities.
- Pray for those affected by violence and conflict around the globe.