

Invitations to Dinner with Jesus



video course by Bishop Joe

Session Six: Invitation to a feast of bread & wine

Bible Study Leaders Guide

Welcome and Prayer

5 min

Welcome everyone and invite a moment of stillness.

Opening Prayer (or adapt as needed):

Lord Jesus, as we gather together to reflect on your word, help us to listen with open hearts and humble minds. Teach us to receive your gift of yourself with gratitude, to remember your sacrifice with reverence, and to live as people of your new covenant.

Watch the Video

8 min

Play Bishop Joe's 8-minute video (or read aloud the transcript if video isn't available).

Initial Reflections

5 min

What stood out to you most in the passage?

Scripture Reading

5 min

Read Luke 22:7-23 aloud.

Discussion Questions

25 min

- What connections do you see between the original Passover and the meal Jesus shares with his disciples?
- How do you understand Jesus' words, "This is my body, given for you"? What might that have meant to those sitting at the table?
- What does it mean that Jesus speaks of a "new covenant in my blood"? How does this echo the covenant made at Mount Sinai?
- How do you respond to Jesus' invitation to "do this in remembrance of me"? What does remembrance look like in your life?
- In what ways do you see yourself as part of this new covenant Jesus speaks of?
- What might it mean for you to prepare for the "heavenly banquet" Jesus promises?
- How does this story help you understand the meaning of Communion?

Take some time to respond in prayer. Below are a few suggestions of ways you could invite your group to respond in prayer.

Daily Prayer

Pray together the appropriate daily office which can be found at https://daily.commonworship.com or on the Fruitful App.

"Upper Room" Reflection Cards

- Give each person a small card or slip of paper.
- Invite them to imagine their own "upper room" a space where they meet Jesus.
- Ask: "What would you want to say to Jesus if you were sitting at the table with him tonight?"
- Invite them to respond by writing a short prayer, a question, or a word of thanks.
- Option: Collect the cards in a bowl as a shared offering, or let people keep them as a reminder.

Remembrance Candles

Give everyone a tealight candle (real or battery operated). Light the candles whilst identifying and remembering the things that Jesus has done for them through the Cross.

Eucharist

Consider inviting your local priest to visit your small group to celebrate the Eucharist. To find your local church, visit <u>achurchnearyou.com</u>