

SESSION 3

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READ

Take some time in advance to read and consider the Bible study questions and come up with personal examples to encourage discussion.

WATCH

Make sure everyone can see the screen and the audio is at a comfortable level.

DISCUSS

We hope those who participate in the study walk away knowing, feeling, and doing differently as a result of amazing discussion.

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OPEN

As you open up today, consider this; What do you think Jesus was thinking and feeling, knowing that this would be his last meal/night with them?

What jumped out at you from the message this week? What led you to really think or even better, to change your actions?

WATCH

What jumped out at you from the video?

INTRODUCTION

What was the difference between the Passover meal that the disciples had been a part of for the whole life and the Lord’s Supper that Jesus instituted?

With the inception of the Lord's supper, Christ ended the Passover and instituted a new memorial to Himself. It would not look back to a lamb in Egypt as the symbol of God’s redeeming love and power, but to Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

READ

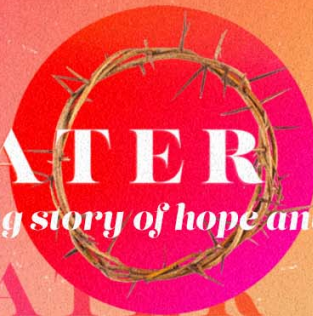
READ Matthew 26:17-19,26-29

What is the first element in the Lord’s Supper?

First, we see that Jesus took some bread and offered a blessing of thanks to His heavenly Father, as He always did before eating. The unleavened bread was baked in large, flat, crisp loaves, which Jesus broke into pieces before He gave it to the disciples with the instruction, “Take, eat.”

Breaking the unleavened bread was a normal part of the traditional Passover ceremony, so how did Jesus give it new meaning?

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The original unleavened bread symbolized severance from the old life in Egypt, carrying nothing of its pagan and oppressive "leaven" into the Promised Land. Saying, "This is My body" From now on the bread would represent Christ's own body, sacrificed for the salvation of many.

What was the second element of the Lord's Supper?

Jesus took a cup, and when he had given thanks again, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."

Drinking the wine was also a normal part of the traditional Passover ceremony, so how did Jesus give it new meaning?

As the disciples drank of the cup Jesus said in verse 28, "This is My blood of the covenant." Under this new covenant, The author of Hebrews reminds us that Jesus would die in the place of sinners. Unlike the blood of animals, Jesus' blood would TRULY remove the sins of all who would put their faith in him. And Jesus' sacrifice would

never have to be repeated; it would be good for all eternity.

DIVE DEEPER

READ 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

what does the Lord's Supper mean to you? What should it mean?

Answers may vary.

How do you honor and practice the Lord's Supper?

It should be practiced in community with other believers, with reverence and remembrance and with a fully examined heart so as not to take the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner.

What does it mean to you that the judgment of God's wrath will now "pass over" you?

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Answers may vary.

Every year, the Jewish people made the pilgrimage to Jerusalem to remember the exodus. What things do you show similar levels of dedication to?

Answers will vary

Talk about what the original exodus looked like, and how a New Exodus by Jesus in the life of a believer is parallel.

Answers will vary

Hearing about what the passover lamb meant, why is it significant that Jesus became the new passover lamb?

Answers will vary.

Why is taking communion with others so important? What does it signify?

How can we use this passage to equip us as followers of Jesus?

LET'S PRAY

Consider the following questions as you pray together as a LifeGroup.

- Have you taken the Lord's supper without first putting your faith and trust in Jesus and submitting to his lordship?
- Have you made light of the amazing gift that is the Lord's Supper?
- Have you forgotten the significance of this symbolic act?
- What steps do you need to take to re-institute this spiritual act into your life with transparency and relevance?



