

SERMON NOTES



This week's sermon
Dinner and Eternal Destiny
Mark 14:12-21

1. The apostles were self-centered and insecure in this moment.
2. God's plan does not nullify personal responsibility.
3. Hell is real.
4. The Word of God is unbreakable.
5. God loves us enough to prepare our daily dining as well our endless destiny.

Digging Deeper into the Message

Our passage for this week opens with preparations for the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Let's take a closer look at how this fits into the story of rescue and redemption.

Read Exodus 12:1-20, where God instituted this festival. (Continue reading through Exodus 14 to remind yourself of how God rescued His people.) What is Feast of Unleavened Bread meant to remind us of?

What is represented by leaven in 1 Corinthians 5:6-8? Paul talks of celebrating with sincerity and truth; how does this look in our day to day lives?

How is leaven described in Luke 12:1-3 and Matthew 16:5-12?

Read John 6:25-40 and write out what Jesus claims in this passage. How does this tie into God's story of rescue and redemption? What hope do you find in this passage?

Community Group

Icebreaker: What is the silliest thing you have an emotional attachment to and why?

Discussion Questions:

- Read the sermon text, Mark 14:12-21. Think about preparing for a major holiday. What do you think is going on in the disciples minds as they get ready for a Passover meal?
- Considering the passage above and the first MAP point, how does Jesus' experience here demonstrate that He totally understands our pain in relationships?
- Read the second point. Why is it important to recognize that we each have responsibility for our choices? What are some ways to lovingly redirect people in our lives when they blame circumstances or others? How can we help empower them to live in freedom?
- Read the third point. Pastor Mike makes a point that the passage disproves the concept of annihilation (verse 21). What are your thoughts about justice in relation to this? Can you have love without justice? Why or why not?
- Read point #4. To support this Pastor Mike pointed out that Jesus' death was foretold and he quoted Isaiah 53:3-6. How do you see God's Word as a complete and sweeping story of rescue?
- Read the last point. Give some ways that you see God providing for your daily needs. What reassurance do you see for your eternity?