

Proclamation: In what ways can we proclaim the Lord's death and His coming again in our daily lives? What does that look like?

Examination: How does self-examination before taking communion encourage personal and spiritual growth?

Consideration: What are practical steps that you can take to ensure that when you take communion, you are considering and uplifting others within the New Hope family?

In the closing of the sermon, Pastor Austin drew our attention to the communal aspect of The Lord's Supper – emphasizing that it isn't just merely an individual practice, but an expression of the church's unity and shared faith...it's perfect position in Christ.

Remember that as we partake of the bread and the cup, we're not only reminded of Christ's sacrificial love but are also called to embody that love in our relationships with one another. The moment of communion is an opportunity to reflect on the past, Christ's death and resurrection – while looking forward with eager anticipation to His return. It's a time to examine our hearts, align ourselves with Christ, and renew our commitment to living out the gospel in every aspect of our lives.

Next Steps

1. **Pray:** Pray and thank the Lord for the gift of communion, and all that it means for us as believers.
2. **Reflect on Unity:** Consider ways you can contribute to the unity of your local church. This might involve reaching out to someone you've lost touch with, or offering forgiveness where there's been discord.
3. **Live in Anticipation:** Cultivate a heart of anticipation for Christ's return. How does this shape the way you live, love, and serve others?
4. **Worship:** Make space for personal worship and reflection in your daily routine. Consider journaling about how you see God working in your life and your community.
5. **Engage:** Look for opportunities to embody the love of Christ in your interactions with others. Whether it's through acts of kindness, words of encouragement, or simply being present, let your actions reflect the unity and love we celebrate in The Lord's Supper.