

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to help you talk about God's word and Pastor Brian's message with friends and family. You of course can use your own questions, but we'd like to give you this tool to encourage Biblical fellowship and discipleship in your circle of relationships. **Enjoy discovering more about Him!**

## "THE PASSOVER PASSES OVER" | LUKE 22:1-23 | PASTOR BRIAN BELL

### WARM-UP QUESTION:

*How would you explain the meaning and purpose of communion to someone else?*

### ***"The Setting of the Meal" (Luke 22: 1-13)***

Jesus tells James and John to prepare the Passover meal in a room they haven't been to, but they find it ready for them to use just as he described. **What does that show about Jesus? What does that mean for his followers today?**

### ***"The Savior at the Meal?" (Luke 22: 14-20)***

Jesus uses the ancient Passover ceremony to create a new ritual to mark his sacrifice on the cross, showing His followers they are to unite with Him and each other as they remember Him. **Why can it be hard to reflect and remind ourselves of Jesus' sacrifice? How can marking that moment with others help in that process?**

### ***"The Bite of Betrayal" (Luke 22: 21-23)***

Judas had arranged to let the chief priests know when Jesus could be arrested without making scene in exchange for money, and Jesus reveals he knows about the plot at the table. **What does it show about Jesus that He still included Judas in this special moment and meal?**

### REFLECTION QUESTION:

Jesus' last supper before he dies marks a change to the Jewish Passover meal and creates a new practice for people to remember Jesus died to save the world and he's coming back again. Faithfully remembering and doing things for someone while they are away shows love. **How would you describe your attitude towards communion? What would taking communion in a way that honors Jesus look like for you? Pray and ask God to show you what else you are to faithfully do while waiting for His return.**

## The Passover Passes Over

### I. Slide1 Announce:

- A. Slide2-5 AP: Prayer. School Employment. CM Employment. Camp.
- B. Slide6 Calvary Kids VBS Volunteers: VBS is coming up on June 19th-23rd. After only 5 days of being open for registration, *we already have 229 kids signed up* and we hope to welcome **370 more**.
1. My vision for VBS this year was to make it more of a **community-wide event**. To do this, we needed to create more opportunities for kids to participate, and as a result **we need more volunteers this year**. We are looking for **50 volunteers** (in 7th grade and up) to serve as crew leaders.
  2. **As a crew leader you will** co-lead a crew of 10-15 kids **and guide them** from *worship, Bible lesson, craft, snack, and outdoor games*. You will have a blast getting to know your crew and spending the week with them. Please sign up on **the Church website** or see *Jasmine* for more information.
- C. Slide7 Building on Faith: Last week we had a family meeting, and I asked you to **pray** about financially participating in **Building on Faith**. **We are excited about this remodel because it will give more spaces and places** for fellowship and uniquely designed areas for our younger generation.
1. For years, we have done what we could with our buildings to take care of them and be good stewards of them. It has been close to 30 years since we have done a larger scale remodel.
- D. As I have had more time over the last year to **pray** and **cast vision** for CM, I am focused on 2 things and we have them in our *Calvary Murrieta Motto*. **The 1st** is *live out the Great Commandment*. I believe that creating more spaces where we can learn how to *love our God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength* and **fellowship together** as we learn to *love our neighbor as ourself* is important.
1. We get to create a place that will allow the next generations at CM to continue to *live out the Great Commandment* as they **fellowship** with one another **and** learn about the God we serve.

2. **The 2nd** thing is *to fulfill the Great Commission* to *go and make disciples globally*. Next week I leave for Nepal with Jen and Larry to continue to work on purchasing property for the Rohingya.

E. These are both big dreams, and big goals but we can accomplish them together. As I have prayed and sought God on the direction of Calvary Murrieta, this is the vision He has given me.

1. As a Church, we need to raise \$3 million so that we can continue to be debt free. **1 example is** if 600 families *or individuals* commit to give **\$5,000 over the next 2 years**, we would be able to accomplish our goals.

a) That is about \$208 a month for the next 24 months. Some of us can give **more** than that **and** some can give **less**.

b) We are asking you to *prayerfully consider* how much you are able to contribute through the next 2 years.

2. This is an opportunity to give *above and beyond your tithe* through a long term commitment. If you can financially contribute, you can go on the website, the app, or scan the QR code behind me or on signs outside. Your 2-year commitment is important because it allows us *to plan and move forward*. Thank you for allowing me to communicate my vision with you, and share how you can participate in this.

## II. Slide8 Intro: *The Passover Passes Over*

A. This is Luke's 7th meal described. **And** the most important meal, *the last supper*.

1. A condemned prisoner's last meal is a customary ritual preceding execution. In many countries, the prisoner may, within reason, select what the last meal will be.

2. **Jesus' last meal? bread & wine**. **But** it wasn't about what He ate, **but** with whom He ate it with, **and** what it signified.

B. **In the Apostles' Creed**, though not written by the apostles, is **the oldest creed** of the Christian church (at least 140ad) and was the basis for other creeds that followed.

1. A line in it says, *born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate*.

2. What a strange biography. How quickly it moves from **birth to death**.

### III. Slide9 **THE SETTING OF THE MEAL (1-13)** *Then, The Savior At The Meal*

A. **THE PLOT (1-6)** *READ*

B. Jesus chooses *this Passover meal* to explain His death.

1. The day where **1000's of sheep's blood** would be shed. *Substitution*.

a) A lil cute, innocent, blemish-free, male lamb.

b) **Abraham's chapter** of the lamb said, there's a *debt* (Isaac).

**Moses's chapter** of the lamb said, *but a Substitute* can pay for it. (Mosaic Law/sac)

**Jesus's chapter** of the lamb said, it's *Me*, God's only Son.

*And there is one more chapter* ... where *the Lamb is on the throne!*

2. They say **familiarity kills astonishment**. Like if you move by train tracks. You immediately recognize the sound of it coming, it's loud, it bothers you. *But* pretty soon you don't hear it at all. *We don't want that to happen in the story the crucifixion*. [we **should not** become *numb* to this message, matter of fact ... it should still bother us, *someone innocent dying for us*]

C. *Passover was the time when Israel was held captive by Egypt*. God told them to take blood from a lamb, **and** put it over their door post, **so** the angel of death would pass over those homes that are *marked by the blood*. From that time on they would celebrate the Passover meal remembering what God had done for them.

D. (2) They needed it done **quietly**. They needed it done **w/o creating a scene**.

They needed **an insider**. *Judas, problem solved!*

1. **Judas** went from *Dancing w/the devil to Running w/the devil*.

E. (3-6) **The Betrayer**. This section let's us know that there's more going on *than a twisted plot by wicked men*. *Satan entered into Judas*, there's a spiritual war going on.

1. Vs.3,4 describe the worst tragedy, *Satan entered Judas* vs.3, *Judas left Jesus* vs.4.

F. (5) **Money is exchanged**. This brings *another shade of darkness* to what is going on.

G. Slide10 **THE PREP (7-13)** *READ*

H. Jesus was an *obedient Jew*, who *kept the Law* and *celebrated Passover*.

1. Being aware of Judas' plan to betray Him, Jesus *kept the place of the meal secret*. [*Peter & John* didn't even know where it was to be held, *until* they arrived].

a) Don't get upset at Jesus, when He *doesn't let you in on things*. He will, when *the time's right!*

I. (13) *They went and found it just as he had told them* - *Which is always the story!*

1. We can trust His Word. It is always ... *as He said it would be*.

#### IV. Slide11a **THE SAVIOR AT THE MEAL (14-20)** *READ*

A. There is a lot of emotion here, *earnestly desired*. [idiom, *I have desired with desire*]

B. (15,16) The last supper here. The first supper there. (also 18)

C. (17-20) *Jesus places Himself at the center of the meal*. He recast the whole meal.

1. The Passover has been celebrated *now* for 1450 years so far.

2. Slide11b The Passover requires *4 cups of wine* (2 before the meal, 2 *after*). The cup of *Sanctification*, cup of *Instruction*, cup of *Redemption*, cup of *Praise*/He refused. [taken from Ex.6:6,7]

a) Here they drink *the 3rd cup* (cup of *Redemption*, *after the meal*).

b) *Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, borei p'ri hagafen. Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine*

3. Slide12a At the high point of Israel's calendar, He says *Do this in remembrance of me* (*of Jesus*). He tells them, *This is all about Me*. The whole OT *is all about Me*. This whole Passover that we've commemorated for 1450 years *was to be pointing to Me*. (a *greater deliverance* for all of us, not just from Egypt, *and* not just for the ancient Hebrews)

4. *And* then He takes *the bread* and *the cup*, the elements that form the basics of the Lord supper.

a) He saying that *a whole new era is dawning*. A covenant **not** brought in by the blood of an animal, **but** by the blood of *God's beloved Son*. A New Covenant. A New Era.

D. So we have the last Passover supper here. The first supper in the new era. And we look forward to our next supper with Him in His kingdom (a.k.a. the marriage supper of *the Lamb*).

E. Out of the 4 gospels, only Luke records this next phrase, *Do this in remembrance of me* (*of Jesus*). [Paul uses later] [*remember His death-day, not His birthday*]

1. **Slide12b Remember**, it's a way in which we are bound together closely. When we *remember* together what Jesus has done.

a) Apple, Google, and FB understands the importance of *remembering*, as they give you these *memories* from 1 year ago or 5 years ago. And we will often share those with friends that are in those pictures. **And** the 2 of you start texting, *remembering* that event of what took place.

2. **And so**, when **you and I** take the **body** and the **blood** together, we are *reminded* of, **not only** our *solidarity in Jesus*, **but also** with one another. **Remember Me!**

F. **Slide12c** (19) **The Bread** - my body. **Not** flesh/sarx. **But** *soma*, His whole being. *This is My whole Self, w/o reservation*.

1. The **unleavened bread** at the **1st Passover** in Egypt, **and** in throughout the wilderness and after. The prayer by the father was, *This is the bread of our affliction*. Jesus now changes that to, *this is the bread of My affliction. My torn body, My torn self*.

2. Jesus is saying, **I'm going to lead the ultimate exodus**. I'm the ultimate **Moses**. I am bringing the ultimate **salvation**. My death is the ultimate **death** in the history of the world. **All other sacrifices** were pointed to me. *This is My body, My self*.

G. **Slide12d** (20) **The Cup** - the blood again represents *the whole life* of **Jesus**.

1. Matthew ties it to *the forgiveness of sins*.

2. We read in the Psalms, *If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness.* (Ps.130:3) This is how we have forgiveness, *through his blood*.

H. Slide12e And, of course, what is *glaringly missing* in the story is something on the table that's not even mentioned. The **lamb**, the main course.

1. But of course, from this day forward, it wasn't any longer about *the lamb on the table, but the lamb at the table*.

a) I am The Lamb, *that every other lamb* pointed to. *I am the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world*.

b) Remember, He was instituting **a feast** (bread/wine), **not** a sacrifice.

I. Slide13 The Bite of Betrayal (21-23) *READ*

J. Here we have both **God's sovereign plan**, and Judas' accountability.

1. The death of Jesus was **God's plan for human redemption**. However, those who are *responsible* for His death are held accountable.

2. **Also remember**, Jesus **washed** Judas' feet, **warned** him, gave him **every opportunity** to repent, **and protected** him to the very end ... *by not telling the other disciples who the traitor was*.

K. After 35 years of praying over the passion narratives, French scholar (Pierre Benua) Pierre Benoit said this, *Maybe what the Father spoke to the Son, hanging on the cross after leaving Him alone*, was this ... S of S 2:10-14.<sup>1</sup>

1. *10 My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away, 11 for behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. 12 The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. 13 The fig tree ripens its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away. 14 O my dove, in the clefts of the*

<sup>1</sup> Brennan Manning, from *The Furious Longing of God*.

*rock, in the crannies of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.*

L. Prayer: *Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever.* Rev. 5:13

M. Communion:

N. Bread - 1 Cor.5:7 *For indeed **Christ**, our **Passover**, was sacrificed for us.*

1. **Forgiven - am I?** Well, can you be more-bad *than* God is good?

a) You can only **sin** as a **man**, **but** God can **forgive** as a **God**.

b) You **sin** as a *finite* creature, the Lord **forgives** us, the *infinite* creator.

2. *For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin, I will remember no more.* Jer.31:34

3. **Bread broken**, Christ **for** us. **Bread eaten**, Christ **in** us. **Bread partaken together**, Christ **among** us.

O. Cup - *in my blood*, **biblical covenants** were always ratified by shed blood.

1. After He took the cup He **gave thanks**. Thanksgiving is the expression of joy God word. And we as believers are encouraged to abound in it.

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