

# CHURCH IN COMMUNITY

## Communion

Please feel free to make this really simple! We believe in the power of focusing on the cross in community, so we are asking every host to lead others through communion. In advance - get some juice (grape, cranberry juice, etc.), some crackers (matza, saltines, goldfish, etc.), and cups (plastic, paper, glass, etc.)

### Read

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 - The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me. For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

### Speak

Jesus took some bread and tore it into pieces. Then he lifted the cup and held it up: 'Take this bread,' he said, 'drink this wine. My body, my blood, my life broken & poured out for you.

### Eat

Eat and remember Jesus broken, dying to make you whole, free, more like Him, and yet more yourself.

### Drink

Drink and remember how much Jesus paid to woo and win you. Broken and poured out to keep and know you.

### Pray

Grace from the beginning. Grace to the end. Grace to get me here. Grace to keep me going. Grace for my ups & downs. Grace for my stubborn, my strength, and my stumble. Thank you, Jesus, for this liturgy that helps me remember God's promise of grace for this journey and the cost you paid for me to have it. Amen!

# Prayer

We would love it if you all end with some time of prayer - Here are some thoughts:

1. Invite everyone to share something they would like prayer for and then actually pray!
2. If your group seems quieter and you're not sure this will work great in the larger circle, you can break people down into 2-4 person groups and encourage them to pray with one another.
3. It may just land on one person to close it up with prayer (it often does in community). You can ask if someone would like to close you all in prayer or be ready yourself to do that.

## **An example prayer to end your time together:**

God, we thank you for this time. We are grateful to be together to pursue you and respond to your pursuit of us. Guard our hearts as we leave this place. Holy Spirit, fill us afresh with your power, your discernment, your wisdom, your strength, your peace, and your joy. We give you the rest of today and this week. Amen!

# Worship

1. There are songs from Sunday morning services on the resource page you could use to host a time of worship through music.
2. Read Psalm 145. Either you read it as people close their eyes and listen, or have everyone participate and take turns reading one verse at a time.
3. Go around the circle declaring one aspect of God's character for which you are thankful. "I am thankful that God is \_\_\_\_\_."