How to Leverage Communion for Spiritual Growth

In Remembrance of Me, Week 4

I. Give		

1 Corinthians 10:16

¹⁶ Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ?

Mark 14:22

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks...

See also: Psalm 95:1-5; 103:1-4; 107:1-3; 1 Thess 5:16-18; Eph 5:18-20; Phil 4:4-7; Col 2:6-7; 3:15; Heb 12:28; 13:15

II. ____ with ____

¹⁷ In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. ¹⁸ In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. ¹⁹ No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval. ²⁰ So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, ²¹ for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk. ²² Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter!

1 Corinthians 10:17

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

See Also: Matt 5:23-24; 6:14-15; 18:21-35; Eph 4:32; Col 3:13

III. _____Yourself

1 Corinthians 11:27-32

²⁷ So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹ For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. ³⁰ That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.

See Also: Job 13:23; Lam 3:40; Haggai 1:5-7; Matt 7:5; 2 Cor 13:5; Gal 6:4

IV.	Your	and	

1 Corinthians 11:31-32

³¹ But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. ³² Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.

See Also: Psalm 32; 52; Prov 28:13; Matt 3:8; 6:12; 2 Cor 7:10; James 4:8; 5:16; 1 John 1:8-9; Rev 3:19

V. ____ on Christ's Work, ___ and ____

Luke 22:19

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

Mark 14:25

"Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

1 Corinthians 11:26

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

See Also: Phil 2:5-11; 4:8; Col 3:1-4; Heb 12:1-3; 1 Pet 1:13

VI. _____ and Spiritual _____

1 Corinthians 10:16

¹⁶ Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?

John 6:53-58

⁵³ Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. 66 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

See Also: John 6:25-52; Rom 5:1-5; Heb 4:14

The Bottom Line

With the ______, use these six practices in ______.