



Series: Encountering God

Title: Encountering God Through the Lord's Supper

Scripture: Matt. 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:23-24

August Verse: *We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.*

(Romans 15:1-2)

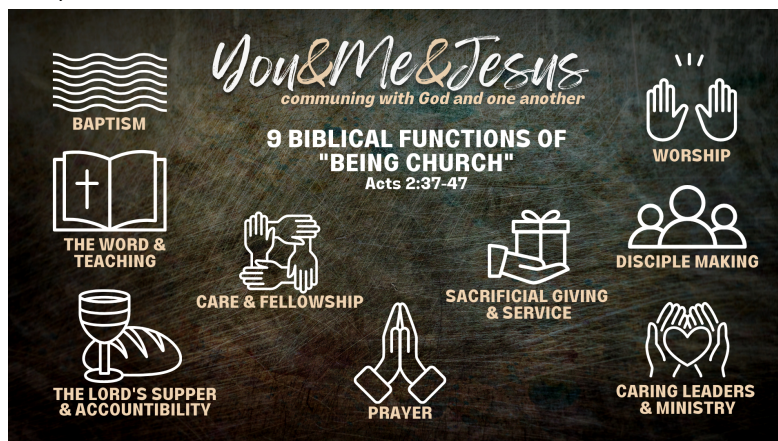
Parkway Plumbline #10 Members lead with flexibility!

- Mature believers set the tone by serving, adapting, and empowering while they serve.

What is church? Church is an assembled group of people saved (called out) by God who:

1. Hear, read, study, memorize, meditate, proclaim, and do the Word of God.
2. Practice the Ordinances of the body of Christ (Baptism & The Lord's Supper).
3. Are accountable to one another for Holy Living and the Great Commission.

What makes a group of people a church? (How is a church different from any other group of people on the planet?)



What has the church been devoted to since the beginning of the church? The Lord's Supper and Accountability. (Acts 2:41-47)

What is the Lord's Supper? God's Word on The Lord's Supper:

- Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-34 (The apostle Paul reiterated what Jesus gave the disciples.)



Why did Jesus institute the Lord's Supper? (Luke 22:19-20)

- To show that HE (Jesus) is the true Passover Lamb whose sacrificial death (given body and shed blood) launches the greater exodus for all who believe out of slavery to sin and death and into covenant fellowship with God.

The First Passover (Exodus 12)

- A lamb chosen. (vs. 3-6)
- Blood applied. (vs. 6-7)
- A meal eaten. (vs. 8-11)
- Judgment passing over. (vs. 12-13, 23)

Safety rested not on the family's feelings that night but on God's faithfulness to His word about the blood.

- A memorial commanded. (vs. 14, 24-27)

The Lord's Supper Exceeds the Passover

- From a lamb of the flock to the Son of God. (Heb 10:1-4, 11-14)
- From one nation to all nations. (Mark 14:24) (Rev 5:9)
- From an annual feast to "as often as you eat". (1 Cor 11:25-26; Heb 9:25-26)
- From temporal rescue to eternal redemption. (John 6:58)

Why do we practice the Lord's Supper? (Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 5:7-8)

- to Remember rightly.
- to Rest on the blood, not on feelings.
- to Clean out the things that lead us to sin (leaven). (1 Cor 5:8; 11:28; Matt 5:23-24)
- to Eat together. (1 Cor 10:17; 11:33)
- to Eat with your shoes on.

What is happening during the Lord's Supper?

1. Commemoration/Remembrance - of the death of Christ. (Luke 22:19)
2. Proclamation - of the saving work of Christ's given body and shed blood.
3. Celebration - the resurrection of Christ and victory over sin and death. (1 Cor. 15:54-57)
4. Anticipation - the return of Christ. (1 Cor. 11:26; Rev. 19:6-9)
5. Participation - in the body of Christ. (1 Cor. 10:16)

How do I examine myself and my faith during the Lord's Supper?

1. Have I been acting like a consumer or one who communes with God and His body (church)?
2. Have I been giving as much grace as I have received?
3. Have I given God the keys to inspect every room of my spiritual house?
4. Am I willing to stand at the cross and empty tomb of Jesus and tell God yes for anything He asks me?

Five Looks: Look within, Look Around, Look Back, Look ahead, Look up.

