

Why We Remember

Luke 22:7-30

We remember who God is.

We remember we have a shared life.

We remember what Jesus has done for us.

Real Life "To-Do" List...

1. John 13:34 – Love someone.
2. Romans 12:10 – Who am I honoring?
3. Romans 12:10 – Who am I devoted too?
4. Romans 15:7 – Who am I accepting into my life?

NEXT STEPS

Use these study questions to turn a message into a conversation.

We remember together all that God has done and all that God does through us. We need to be reminded of the reality to place our trust in Him. Review the questions and study on the Lord's Supper.

Read Luke 22:7-23, comparing Jesus' plans with the authorities' plans. As you examine His plans, what impresses you about Jesus himself?

Luke has a special appreciation of Jesus' deep feelings that night as he institutes his new Passover. Note the repetition of Jesus' own words about "eating the Passover" (vv. 8, 11, 15-16, 17-18; see also v. 30).

What do you think this all means for Jesus at this point?

Here is some additional study on the Last Supper.

It was after Judas had left the room that Jesus instituted something new, the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:23-34). He took two elements from the Passover feast, the unleavened bread and the cup, and He used these to picture His own death. The broken bread pictured His body given for the sins of the world. The "fruit of the vine" (Matt. 26:29) pictured His blood, shed for the remission of sins. The text does not indicate that anything special or mysterious happened to these two elements. They remained bread and the "fruit of the vine" but they now conveyed a deeper meaning: the body and the blood of Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Supper reminds us to look ahead for Christ's return. We will observe this supper until He comes (1 Cor. 11:26). The Passover pointed ahead to the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world (John 1:29). The Lord's Supper announces that this great work has been accomplished.

In Matthew 26:29, Jesus added the note of future glory in the kingdom. Jesus did eat bread, fish, and honey after His resurrection (Luke 24:41-43; John 21:9-15). But there is no record that He drank the fruit of the vine. Even as He faced the rejection of His nation and the suffering of the cross, He was looking ahead to the kingdom that would be established because of His sacrifice. There were traditionally four cups drunk at the Passover feast, each cup relating to one of the four promises in Exodus 6:6-7. Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper between the third and fourth cups.

The hymn that Jesus and His disciples sang before they left the Upper Room was part of the traditional Hallel, Psalms 116-118. Read those psalms in the light of Christ's death and resurrection and see how they take on new meaning. Imagine our Lord being able to sing praises to God in the face of rejection, suffering, and death.

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God's Word. (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25). Here's how it will happen.

SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms, such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).