



**Week of March 23<sup>rd</sup> - March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Use the questions below to help extend the impact of the weekend message. They are not only useful in your LifeGroup, but try discussing with your family, friends, and co-workers for even greater understanding and spiritual growth.**

**Opening Prayer:** Begin with a brief prayer, thanking God for His mercy and the gift of Jesus as our Savior. Invite the group to reflect on the significance of the Lord's Supper as you start.

**Icebreaker:** What's one meal you've shared with friends or family that felt especially meaningful to you? Why?

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 22:14-20

### **Discussion Questions**

- **The Context of the Meal:** With the secrecy leading up to this meal and the somberness that must have been felt among the disciples how does this reflect their awareness of what was to come? How do you think you would have felt "reclining at table" with Jesus that night?
- **Passover and New Covenant:** The Passover celebrated God's deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage. Discuss how Jesus transforms this during this "Last Supper."
- **The Symbolism of the Bread and Cup:** God's Word shares with us how Jesus' body would not be and was not broken. How does this change or deepen your understanding of the sharing of the bread? Discuss how does the image of the bread (earthly, fragile) and the cup (new covenant, forgiveness) reflect both Jesus' humanity and divinity.
- **A Feast of Love not Shame:** How do you usually approach communion - do you usually feel more joy or sorrow? Why? How can we balance reflection on our sin with gratitude for God's mercy when we take the bread and cup?
- **Jesus the Lamb of God:** Jesus entered Jerusalem on Monday, went to the Temple, and was crucified on Friday between 3-6 PM - just like the Passover lambs. How does this parallel deepen your appreciation for His sacrifice? Unlike those other lambs, the Lamb of God overcame death and decay. How does this victory change the way we should view communion?
- **Personal Reflection:** Think about the last few times you have taken communion. Did you focus more on your sin or on God's grace? How might you approach it differently next time in order to embrace it as a "love feast"?

### **Group Challenge:**

- This week, share a meal with someone (family, friend, or neighbor) and intentionally express gratitude for God's deliverance and protection?
- How can we as a community of believers encourage each other to see communion as a celebration of God's love and victory over sin and death.

### **Closing Prayer**

Close by thanking God for His mercy and grace. Focus upon how He has delivered you from sin and death. Invite group members to share how they have been rescued by God.