

Small Group Discussion Guide — January 24, 2021

- Sermon: “Remembering Jesus”
 - Series: Remember
 - Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26
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FOLLOW UP FROM LAST WEEK:

How did God remind you of His presence this week?

CONNECT:

What’s your favorite memory of a celebration, either with family or friends? What makes it special to you?

ENGAGE:

Read 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26.

1. Paul starts out in his instructions for the Lord’s Supper by reminding us that the first observance occurred on “the night he was betrayed.” Why do you think Paul chose to emphasize this?
2. Our Lord could have used any number of things by which we could remember him. Why did he choose a meal, something so ordinary, such a part of our daily routine?
3. Read verse 26 again. What does it mean to “proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes”? Do you think this is meant to be a public remembrance, or can it be private? Why do you think it’s important that we do it together?

APPLY:

1. The subject of communion and the scripture references are some of the most recognizable in all of the New Testament. It’s easy to overlook their significance. What is the significance of the idea that communion moves our relationship from the outside to the inside when we eat the break and drink the cup? How does this change your understanding of the significance of the Lord’s Supper?
2. Why is it so important to be constantly reminded of God’s faithfulness? Why are we so prone to forget?
3. The symbolism of communion marks us as “members of the family,” As David described it, we are “children of God with the family blood in us.” Such vivid words remind us of the amazing sacrifice made by Christ. How should this imagery change the way we view each other?

PRAY:

Our Father in Heaven, forgive us when we may have gone through the motions while at your communion table. Forgive us for our casual observances. May we never forget all that you endured for us. May we never lose sight of your abundant grace, the power of your forgiveness, and the steadfast promise of your return, Amen.

GOING DEEPER:

1. Read 1 Corinthians 11: 27-28. Scripture tells us that before we take communion, we must search our hearts and examine ourselves, before we participate in the Lord's Supper. What types of things would such an examination reveal in us that would prohibit us from taking communion? What do these verses suggest that Jesus thinks about the importance of this sacrament?
2. Do you have a memorable Lord's Supper experience in your life of faith? What were the circumstances that made it so?

SUPPORTING VERSES:

- John 1: 12
- Leviticus 17: 11
- Matthew 26: 26-28
- John 6: 53-55
- John 14: 6
- Revelation 19: 6-9