The Church: Communion

BIG IDEA

Communion is a three-dimensional practice: we look back to the past table where Jesus instituted this meal, we participate in the present table as the family of God, and we anticipate the future table that awaits us in eternity.

READ TOGETHER

Luke 22:14-20|

INTO THE SERMON

LOOK BACK AT SUNDAY

1. What was the thing that stuck with you most or was most impactful from this past Sunday

2. Pastor Tyler points out that Jesus offered the first communion to disciples who would go on to deny, betray, and abandon him -- what does it mean for your own sense of worthiness that Jesus extended this meal to people he knew would fail him?

INTO THE TEXT

1. What does communion teach us about salvation being received rather than achieved?

2. Why is it significant that Jesus institutes communion during the Passover meal?

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3 In 1 Corinthians 10:16–17, Paul connects communion with participation in Christ and unity in the body. What does this teach us about communion being more than an individual act?

4 How does the promise of the future table with Jesus encourage believers in present suffering?

APPLICATION

1 Pastor Tyler talked about the importance of meals and family dinner. What rhythms could you create to make your table more intentional and Christ-centered?

2 If communion is both remembrance and proclamation, how can your life proclaim the sacrifice and return of Jesus?

THIS WEEK

CHOOSE ONE

- 1.)Read Luke 22:14–20 and ask how you can approach communion with deeper gratitude, seriousness, and remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice.
- 2.)Examine your relationships within the church family and identify any bitterness, division, or unforgiveness that needs confession or reconciliation.
- 3.) Share a meal with family, friends, or someone from church this week and make space for prayer, Scripture, or conversation centered on Jesus.
- 4.) When suffering, grief, or fear feels heavy, remember the future table with Christ and pray for hope in the promise that suffering will not have the final word.

MEMORY VERSE / Psalm 139:23 & 24

**"Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me,and lead me in the way everlasting!"**