



55 - The Meal Jesus Gave - Mark 14:22-25 - Discussion Notes

Introduction

Jesus, knowing that he would be crucified in just a few short hours, chose to spend his last moments with his disciples eating a meal around a table (rather than in a classroom lecturing). Jesus strategically chose the Passover meal to be the means by which he would teach his disciples what his death would really accomplish. For centuries, Passover was celebrated yearly as a way of remembering God's faithful deliverance of his people from the tyranny of Pharaoh through Moses. From this day forward, the focus of this meal would shift to remember a greater Moses (Jesus) over a more evil tyrant (sin/death/devil) - a more glorious deliverance.

Observation/Interpretation

- Jesus chose the Passover meal to explain what his death would signify. Why is it that actions can explain the meaning of something better than a lecture? (Hint: see John 1:14)
- What does the feast of Passover represent?
- How does Jesus represent the Passover Lamb?
- What does the bread represent? What does the wine represent?

Application

- Take some time this week to share communion as a community group or a family.
- Break the bread and pass it around, and share how Jesus' broken body was the means of making you whole.
- Do the same with wine/juice and take turns sharing what it means to be cleansed by the blood of Jesus.
- How do you specifically need his cleansing in your life? In what ways do we live as a community that is prepared for the return of our King Jesus?

Prayer

Thank God for the salvation that Jesus' death brought you. Ask God to give you a more grateful/thankful heart towards him in all that He's done.

Community Group Discussion

- Read the passage together out loud.
- Involve your group by asking/answering the study questions, taking the time to share.
- Ask for prayer requests and be sure to pray together.

Family Discussion

- Have your child/children read the passage aloud, if old enough otherwise you read it aloud.
- Involve them by asking questions.
- Ask for prayer requests and invite them to pray together as a family.

A great way to use of these notes is to start/join a Community Group

These notes can be used for personal bible study, yet, another way would be to invite some people together. We call these intentional gatherings, 'Community Groups'.

What is a Community Group?

Community Groups are small gatherings of believers (non-believers welcomed too!) that meet regularly for accountability, friendship, study of the Bible and prayer. Community Groups are an essential part of the mission of Calvary SLO Church as they are a place where we wrestle with the truths of the Bible and encourage one another toward the life God intends. Each community group is unique and molded by the people who attend it. Most community groups gather weekly and involve food, dialog, prayer, discussion for applying the Bible to practical living, and loving service to one-another. They're meant to be an organic and authentic expression of the church, actively living like the body of Jesus.

Why should I join/start a Community Group?

God is a Trinitarian God who is revealed as one in three persons: Father, Son and Spirit. We've been made to image God, which means we're designed for community & friendship. We often suffer when we're not in community, due to the brokenness of life, complexity of this world and the temptation to isolate ourselves. We encourage you to gather with a small group of friends, family or roommates on a weekly basis and use these discussion notes to press deeper into God.

How do I join the Calvary SLO Community Group eco-system?

We're enthusiastic about all forms of biblical community, however there are definite benefits to joining with the Calvary SLO Community Group (CG) eco-system. In short, the benefits are:

- **Training:** We have trainings intent on equipping leaders.
- **Support:** Each CG leader is assigned a coach to provide assistance and ongoing support.
- **Visibility:** CG's are promoted via the bulletin, website & given access to The City (our online social network).

To join all you have to do is sign up for the next upcoming training! Info: pastor James: james@calvaryslo.com.