

THE STORYTELLER

“The Bread and Cup”

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Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (ESV)

LG Study Guide

MY STORY

1. Share one of your family traditions. Why and how did this become a family practice? What’s the purpose and/or significance of it?
2. Describe what the Lord’s Supper means to you.

DIGGING DEEPER

The Lord’s Supper is also known as: Communion, the Lord’s Table, and the Eucharist (which means “giving thanks”).

1. We need to consider the biblical reason for participating in the Lord’s Supper.

- a. According to Luke 22:15-16 what was Jesus eating with the disciples at his last supper, before he died? When would he eat it again?

IMPORTANT BACKGROUND: The Passover was a Jewish feast that God had instituted in the time of Moses (see Numbers 9:1-14). There was always to be a perfect lamb sacrificed at the Passover. This lamb represented the perfect sacrifice that Jesus makes for us on the Cross. Also part of the feast of Passover was the eating of unleavened bread. This bread represented the body of Jesus. So the Jews celebrated the symbols of the Passover lamb but now the Christian observance of the Lord’s Supper was a fulfillment of that earlier symbolism.

- b. According to Luke 22:19 why should we observe the Lord’s Supper?
2. One of the elements used in the Lord’s Supper is wine. We need to consider what this represents:
 - a. According to Luke 22:20 how did Jesus describe the significance of the cup of wine?
 - b. According to Jeremiah 31:31-34, what is the new covenant referring to?

- c. According to Romans 5:9-10 what did the new covenant of the blood Jesus accomplish for you? And how do you feel when you remember that Jesus shed His blood for your sins?

- d. According to 1 Corinthians 11:26 what are we doing when you eat the bread and drink the wine?

3. The other element used in the Lord’s Supper is bread. We will also consider the meaning of the bread.

- a. According to Mark 14:22 what does the bread represent?

- b. How does the usage of bread imagery in John 6:35 shed light to the meaning of the bread in the Lord’s Supper?

- c. In what way would you say that Jesus is “feeding” and sustaining you today?

4. According to 1 Corinthians 11:27-30 what must we do before we participate in the Lord’s Supper? Why is this important for us to remember?

5. In Luke 22:19b, Jesus calls us to celebrate the Lord’s Supper in remembrance of Him. How does looking back to the cross help you in your daily walk with God? Share about the time when Christ’s presence was the most real to you.

BRINGING IT HOME

1. What do you want to change about the way you participate in the Lord’s Supper? How will you be better prepared the next time you take communion?
2. What will you do to better understand and appreciate the new covenant and the Lord’s Supper? What attitudes or beliefs need to change in order to partake of the Lord’s Supper in a worthy manner?
3. Please continue to share your Life Journal.

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