

Sermon Based Small Group Questions

The Feast – Mark 14:12-26



Opening Question

1. Think of a time where you shared a memorable meal. What was it about this meal that made it so significant?

Going Deeper

Read Mark 14:12-26 together

1. What are some things that stand out to you in this passage?
2. Mark 14:1-2 makes clear that it's no longer safe for Jesus or his disciples. Our passage is also framed by stories of betrayal (14:10 and 14:27). What might Mark be teaching us about discipleship—especially verse 19?
 - a. Judas is often looked down on for selling out on Jesus and choosing the path of safety. How might we do this in our lives today?
 - b. How is verse 28 good news for Peter and for us today?
3. Jesus' disciples would have been very familiar with how the Passover meal goes. How do you imagine them responding to Jesus refocusing the meal and saying: "this is my body" and "this is my blood"?

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4. In our passage, Jesus says “this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many.” What does Jesus mean by new covenant? (see Jeremiah 31:31-34)

5. The early church quickly made the Lord’s Supper one of their defining practices (Acts 2:42), and most churches today celebrate the Lord’s Supper it regularly.
 - a. How exactly does the Lord’s Supper shape a church community?

 - b. Reflect together on what Tim Chester writes about the Lord’s Supper: *“The bread doesn’t mystically change us, as if it were some kind of magic potion. But neither is it merely a memory aid that touches our minds alone. It is part of a wider shared experience. Sharing a meal with other people in the presence of the Holy Spirit, breaking a loaf that someone has baked, remembering together the cross praying together—all these things affect us. The Lord’s Supper is more than a mere memorial. It changes us. It reinforces our identity as people shaped by the cross.”*

 - c. Dave mentioned that Passover for the Jews was a meal of defiant celebration. Even in the midst of Roman oppression, they were saying “despite appearances, we are God’s free people.” How is this true for us today with the Lord’s Supper?

6. Reflect together on what it has been like to have children joining us in celebrating the Lord’s Supper at Hope.

7. Reflect on your own experience of the Lord’s Supper. What are some of the primary ways that this sacrament has shaped you?

Close in Prayer