

PREACHING CURRICULUM

The Lord's Supper

Mark 14:12-25

"In the Lord's Supper, Jesus presents himself to us."

The gospels are full of signs and symbols, and the Lord's Supper helps us understand who Jesus is. When we celebrate Communion, what God wants us to come away with is an encounter with Christ.

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Vs. 12-16 What do the instructions Jesus gives his disciples in these verses tell us about him? What does Jesus initiating and officiating over the Passover meal tell us about who Jesus is?

Vs. 17-20 When Jesus tells his disciples that one of them will betray him, what does their sorrow and their asking of "is it I?" tell us about them (other than Judas)?

Judas asks the same question, and still acted like a follower of Jesus. What does this tell us about him, and how he viewed Jesus?

Vs. 21 Jesus' life is in accord with what God decreed. What does Judas' betrayal tell us about God's sovereignty? What does this verse tell us about the consequence of Judas' action? Does God's will ever give us an excuse for sin?

Vs. 22-25 These verses reveal Christ as the Passover Lamb. What is Jesus saying when he says "take; this my body"? What is the significance of bread?

What is the significance of the wine being Christ's blood? What are we declaring about Jesus when we take communion? Are we merely remembering, or is there more to it?

What is Jesus predicting in verse 25?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Do you consider Jesus firstly as Lord and head, or merely as a "helper"? What is the difference?

Is there clear evidence in your life that Christ is the Head, and your teacher? Have there been specific times in your life that you can think of where it was evident that you were or weren't a true follower?

Do you ever try to fool Jesus? Are you aware enough of your own weaknesses, like the disciples, to ask yourself if you are being a real follower?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

If you are a follower of Jesus, will you put into practice what He has taught us and allow Him to lead you, including your home, your wallet, and your calendar?

We may be able to fool those around us into thinking we are always true committed followers, but we cannot fool God. Consider the things that may cause you to struggle to fully commit as a follower of Christ. Are you willing to repent of those things and joyfully submit to His lordship?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

Commit to truly following Jesus, and submitting yourself completely to Him as Lord of your life, and making it clearly evident!