COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS THE PLAN — I

Luke 22:7-20 Pastor Miles McPherson – October 20, 2013



Memory Verse

"And he took the bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." (Luke 22:19-20 NIV)

DISCUSSION STARTERS

When you stop to remember Jesus and his sacrifice for you, what comes to mind?

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS — THE PLAN, PART ONE

Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-22 together as a group.

1. Do you feel the conflict going on? Describe what you think Paul is talking about and rebuking them for:

NOTE: Much of 1 Corinthians was written to correct errors in thinking and behaviors in the church at Corinth. (see 1 Cor. 1:10-12, 3:1-4, 5:1-5, 6:1-8)

Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 together as a group. (This passage parallels the Luke 22 passage that Pastor Miles' shared on Sunday)

- 2. What is the purpose of sharing in the Lord's Supper?
- 3. What does it mean to "proclaim the Lord's death"?
- 4. Why was the way that the church at Corinth participated in the Lord's Supper not according to God's purpose for it? (Reflect back on verses 17-22)



Read 1 Corinthians 11:27-34 together as a group.

- 5. What is an "unworthy manner" of taking communion? (Think of the context of this passage! What was Paul rebuking them for?)
- 6. When you examine yourself (v. 28), what are you examining for?

NOTE: Verse 29 says "without discerning the body..." this can either refer to not thinking about the representation of Christ's body sacrificed for our sins when we partake, resulting in a disregard for behaving in a Christ-like manner; or it more likely is saying that when we don't recognize the church – the body of Christ – in a loving and honoring way, we bring judgment on ourselves because we're being selfish, the opposite of what the church should look like!

7. How should Jesus' death on our behalf affect the way we relate to others in our daily lives?

GROUP ACTIVITY — PART ONE

Celebrate the Lord's Supper together:

- Begin with a time of silent examination, each person going before the Lord and asking him to reveal attitudes and behaviors that don't align with the gospel.
- Spend some time praying aloud, giving thanks to Jesus and praising him for what he did in coming to earth and giving his life on the cross for us.
- Read the words of 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 together, then partake of the bread and the cup.

If you desire further instructions on how to partake of communion, please <u>click here</u> for a one-page supplemental explanation.

Add'l Notes:		

