



Rock Church

Pastor Miles McPherson | United | October 11, 2020

D12 Monthly Focus for October: Being Dependent on the Power of Prayer

Sermon Application from Sunday's Message:

On Sunday, Pastor Miles spoke about being United. Communion unites God's people with the PURPOSES of God, the PRESENCE of God, and the PEOPLE of God.

As a group, take time to read through the scriptures and statements, then discuss these or any questions you may have:

Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-24

When we come together for communion, it's not only to acknowledge what God has done, but the act of taking communion together unites God's people with His purposes. As we take the bread, break it, then consecrate it, we remember that His body was broken for us that we might be saved. Jesus displayed the greatest act of love for us by dying for us on the cross, allowing sinful man to break Him. When we take communion, we say that we agree that we are united with the Lord in His purpose that He died for us, and now need to surrender our life to Him and share the good news with others, not to do our will but the will of the Father, and to expand the kingdom of God, not the kingdom of man. We need to represent the King and be a citizen of heaven, not focus on being a citizen of this earth.

- How often to you take communion on your own?
- Do you think it only needs to take place in a corporate type setting – why or why not?

Read 1 Corinthians 11:25

Communion unites God's people with the presence of God. "This is my body and this is my blood." There's a living contact with the presence of God, a representation in the form of bread and wine/juice. We have access to the Father. His sinless blood gives us access to His presence. As long as you ask Christ to be your Savior and cleanse you, then you have access to His presence. We can all walk in partnership and submission to the Lord and Savior, from whom we

are knit together. We are brothers and sisters, not “us” versus “them.” If the body is divided, it cannot stand.

- What are some ways you prepare for communion – do you listen to certain worship songs, conduct it in a specific area of your home, do it by yourself or with others in your family?

Read 1 Corinthians 11:27

Are you one of God’s people? You aren’t one of His people because you feel like you’re a good person, but because you have given your life to Jesus. If you’ve never asked God to be your Savior, if you’ve got issues with your brother/sister, then don’t take communion until you’ve asked Him into a relationship so you can take it in a worthy manner, knowing it’s because you want to be in the presence of God. The Lord is offering His favor upon you, so it’s because of His grace that have been saved. We are being reminded of His death and our access to His presence, humbling ourselves so that the Lord could forgive us for all our garbage. Ask for His forgiveness daily and often. Acknowledge Him and what He’s done for you.

- Have you ever taken communion and realized at a later time that you were resentful towards someone, held unforgiveness in your heart, or were angry at God because of unanswered prayer or an unfavorable expectation?

This Month’s Memory Verse

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.” ~Ephesians 6:18 NKJV

This Week’s Bible Reading / The Bible Project Videos

John 1-15: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/john/>

Proverbs 26: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/proverbs/>

Next Steps:

- Men’s Worship Event on 10/17. Text MEN to 52525
- School of Ministry classes begin 10/19. Text RSOM to 52525
- Rock Financial Life “Everything About Money” class starting 10/19. Text RFL to 52525
- Spanish Worship Night. Text SPANISH to 52525

