

Group Leader Guide

Series: Ordinances – Week 2 December 11-17

Scripture: Matthew 26:26-29

Leader Notes:

Be sure to sign up for the essential group leader training in January by clicking this [link](#).

In case you missed it, we made the news!

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/south-carolina-baptist-church-baptized-141-believers-sunday-n-ever-seen-anything-like-this.amp>

Praise God that in a dark world, we can shine the light of Jesus.



COMMUNITY

Open the group by caring for one another and allowing a moment for everyone to have a place to belong.

- Start the group by taking prayer requests, finding out about people's week, and praying for one another.
- Ice Breakers:
 1. The Lord's Supper is an ordinance commanded to remember the sacrifice of the Lord for us. Do you have anything that you do consistently to help you remember what Christ has done for you?

SCRIPTURE

Take this time to study the Bible together. Remember, the goal is not just to convey information, but to help people in your group learn to read the Bible for themselves.

THE POINT: God ordained the Lord's Supper to remind believers of the victory achieved by his sacrifice.

Matthew 26:26-29

Matthew 26:26–29 (ESV): Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” 27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

Study Notes

There's a lot going on at the Cross of Jesus Christ. The hymn "When I survey the wondrous cross" says, "did err such love and sorrow meet? Or thorns compose so rich a crown?" There's complexity at the cross. It's bittersweet. It's the greatest tragedy ever in human history. God loves his creation so deeply that he's willing to become one of them. He heals their sicknesses and reveals the truth to them. He shows them the way to live. He loves them. And they crucify him. He loves them and they murder him. The Son of God crucified - that's a tragedy. But it's also the greatest day in human history. Your sins are paid for at the cross. God and Man are reconciled at the cross. Death is put to death forever at the cross. There's a lot going on at Calvary.

Here's what we're remembering in communion: God gave you everything he had. God owns everything. God is in control of everything. But he gave you the one thing you could never earn. He gave you what you could never accomplish. He gave you what you could never deserve. God gave the greatest gift ever at the Cross because God gave himself. He poured out his own blood. He gave his own body. He died for you.

When we take communion we are remembering what Jesus has done for us. Ultimately, we are remembering his Sacrifice. Jesus is giving himself.

Remember, as you discuss the ordinance of communion, we are really supposed to be looking at Calvary.

Questions For Discussion

1. Why is it important that we routinely remember the sacrifice of Christ?
2. How does remembering the sacrifice of Christ impact our daily life?
3. Discuss how the following attributes of God are displayed in the cross: sovereignty, righteousness, wrath, and love. Why is it important to remember these during communion?
4. Did you grow up in a place that celebrated communion, how has it shaped your life?

Commission

As your wrap group up, it is imperative that everyone knows we go into the world on mission for Jesus. Use this time to focus everyone as you leave.

How can you be a reminder of Christ's sacrifice to the people in your life this coming week?

Who in your life needs to know Jesus?