

Communion

Memory Verse

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ~1 Corinthians 11:26

Remembering Jesus

Based on Matthew 26:17-30

Jesus had sent Peter and John to Jerusalem to prepare for the Passover. He knew the time was near for His death and that this would be the last meal all 12 disciples would have together.

When Jesus and the other disciples came to the place of the feast, He was pleased with the good job the two men had done in preparing it.

The disciples all ignored the basin of water with the fresh towel waiting to clean their feet. No one was eager for the job. Jesus got up and went to the basin. He wrapped the towel around His waist and carried the basin to James.

The disciples watched as Jesus knelt in front of James and gently washed his feet, drying them on the towel. By the time it was Peter's turn, he couldn't keep still any longer. "No, Jesus, I don't want You to kneel and wash my feet," he said.

"Then you will not be a part of Me, Peter," said Jesus quietly.

Peter thrust his feet out toward the basin. "Wash them then, and not just my feet but my hands and head as well!"

When Jesus was done He explained, "I have washed your feet as an example, to teach you that you are all equal. No one is greater than another, therefore be humble and kind to each other."

Then Jesus returned to the table. He picked up the bread, blessed it, broke it in pieces and passed it to His disciples. "Take this and eat it," He told them. "This is My body."

Then He blessed the wine and passed it around. "Drink this," He said, "for this is My blood."

"I won't always be with you," Jesus told His disciples. "Make a practice of this communion that we have had. Remember Me when you do this."



For Discussion

1. When you do certain things do they remind you of someone? Does the smell of flowers remind you of your mother? Does the smell of wood chips remind you of your father's workshop or the taste of fresh bread remind you of your grandmother?
2. How does communion remind us of Jesus?

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