

# MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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This week Senior Pastor Marty Grubbs continued in our series, *Radical: Stop Playing It Safe*, with a message on the Lord's Supper, or Communion. Taking part in Communion is one of two celebrations, or rituals, along with baptism, commanded by Jesus in the New Testament. Jesus gave us this beautiful symbolism of his body broken for us, and his blood spilled for us—a radical love only Jesus could give.

- Communion reminds us Jesus didn't come to make bad people good; he came to give dead people life.
- Communion reminds us how much he loves us.
- Communion reminds us, and demonstrates, how much we love him.
- Communion helps us love what Jesus loves.
- Communion reminds us we have been given life.
- Communion reminds us he died for our freedom from things that have held us in bondage, that keep us from experiencing life in him.

## SCRIPTURE

### EXODUS 12:1-10

While the Israelites were still in the land of Egypt, the Lord gave the following instructions to Moses and Aaron: <sup>2</sup> "From now on, this month will be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup> Announce to the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each family must choose a lamb or a young goat for a sacrifice, one animal for each household. <sup>4</sup> If a family is too small to eat a whole animal, let them share with another family in the neighborhood. Divide the animal according to the size of each family and how much they can eat. <sup>5</sup> The animal you select must be a one-year-old male, either a sheep or a goat, with no defects.

<sup>6</sup> "Take special care of this chosen animal until the evening of the fourteenth day of this first month. Then the whole assembly of the community of Israel must slaughter their lamb or young goat at twilight. <sup>7</sup> They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the sides and top of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the animal. <sup>8</sup> That same night they must roast the meat over a fire and eat it along with bitter salad greens and bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat any of the meat raw or boiled in water. The whole animal—including the head, legs, and internal organs—must be roasted over a fire. <sup>10</sup> Do not leave any of it until the next morning. Burn whatever is not eaten before morning.

### HEBREWS 10:8-18

<sup>8</sup> First, Christ said, "You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings or burnt offerings or other offerings for sin, nor were you pleased with them" (though they are required by the law of Moses). <sup>9</sup> Then he said, "Look, I have come to do your will." He cancels the first covenant in order to put the second into effect. <sup>10</sup> For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.

<sup>11</sup> Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good

for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. <sup>13</sup> There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet. <sup>14</sup> For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy.

<sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also testifies that this is so. For he says,

<sup>16</sup> "This is the new covenant I will make  
with my people on that day, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds."

<sup>17</sup> Then he says,

"I will never again remember  
their sins and lawless deeds."

<sup>18</sup> And when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices.

## **LUKE 22:14-20**

<sup>14</sup> And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup> for I tell you I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup> And he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup> And likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

## **JOHN 6:53-58**

<sup>53</sup> So Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you cannot have eternal life within you. <sup>54</sup> But anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise that person at the last day. <sup>55</sup> For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> I live because of the living Father who sent me; in the same way, anyone who feeds on me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> I am the true bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will not die as your ancestors did (even though they ate the manna) but will live forever."

## **1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26**

<sup>23</sup> For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread <sup>24</sup> and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it." <sup>26</sup> For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What stood out from Marty's message?
2. Read Exodus 12:1-10. What was to take place on that first Passover and every year after?
3. Read Hebrews 10:8-18. How did Jesus fulfill the Old Covenant which was made through Passover?
4. Read Luke 22:14-20 and John 6:53-58. What do the bread and cup symbolize?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. What is the New Covenant?
6. Has your understanding of Communion changed over the years? If so, how?
7. Why should you partake in Communion regularly?
8. How can we pray for you?

## **PRAYER**

Thank Jesus for his ultimate sacrifice—a once is enough kind of sacrifice—that we celebrate with Communion. Commit to Jesus' command, "Do this in remembrance of me."