

BREAKING BREAD... TOGETHER

SERIES THEME: We can do this together ... in Christ!

TODAY'S THEME: We can do this together because Communion is all about doing life as the church together

TODAY'S TEXT: Acts 2:42 & 20:7-12

Communion declares ...

I. OUR _____ TO CHRIST

A. A Reminder About Jesus

- > Jesus told his disciples to continue with communion
 - Luke 22:19: "Do this in remembrance of me."

> We are to _____ his death, his resurrection, and his gospel

B. A Reminder About Why We Gather

- > God's people come together to break bread
 - The early church did not _____ to hear Paul

> _____ was the main event!

- It centers us once again

Communion declares ...

II. OUR CHRISTIAN _____

A. A Reminder To Proclaim Christ

- 1 Corinthians 11:26

> The Lord's Supper is never celebrated apart from a proclamation of _____

- The bread and cup will always have the same message
- Jesus died for _____ and Jesus died for _____

- > We also proclaim Christ's resurrection
 - It's the reason we gather to break bread on a _____ morning

B. A Reminder About Our Own Sin

- 1 Timothy 1:15-16

- > The Apostle Paul knew how much he had been forgiven
 - He knew that he needed a Saviour
- > Did God have patience with you? Maybe he is still being patient!

> The church tends to _____ sin, but communion does not allow for that

Communion declares ...

III. OUR _____ FOR EACH OTHER

A. A Reminder That We Are In This Life Together

- > We all need Jesus
 - Kingsway's communion is _____ to everyone

B. A Reminder That We Need One Another

- > The early church "came together" to break bread (Acts 20:7)
- > 'Koinonia' – "having in _____, partnership, fellowship"
 - Communion is meant to be a shared experience

> Communion must be _____

- 1 Corinthians 11:27-32

- > God knows our hearts and cannot be mocked
 - I must not be selfish or 'fake' fellowship
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CONCLUSION: Communion is a precious _____

- > It declares our devotion to the One who died for our sin
- > It declares our mission to proclaim Christ as Lord
- > It declares our need for Jesus and for one another

~ LIFEGROUP STUDY QUESTIONS ~

OPENING DISCUSSION: Describe what dinner time was like during your teen years (Who sat where? Who was in charge of setting the table or clearing the dishes? Was anyone known for eating too much or too little? Any family rituals? Etc.)

READ 1 Corinthians 11:17-26.

- > If you had been there, what would you have seen, heard, and felt as the Corinthians observed the Lord's Supper?
- > How was Communion being distorted in Corinth as compared to its original intent?
- > Why does Paul repeat the account of the Lord's Supper in his letter? (REFER to Luke 22:14-20 also)

READ 1 Corinthians 11:27-34.

- > What does Paul mean by eating and drinking in "an unworthy manner"?
- > How do we not "discern the body of Christ"?
- > What kind of "self-examination" is Paul talking about?
- > Remembrance (v24-25), proclamation (v.26), and participation (10:16) are three realities of Communion. How would you explain to a non-believer how the Lord's Supper accomplishes each of these?
- > Discuss any ways that our communion services could be more inclusive?

PRAY that communion would remind us of our need for Christ and also of our need for one another as the Church Body. Also, pray for any needs in your group and continue to encourage one another in their faith.