

A Meal that Changes Everything

(Insights on 1 Corinthians 11:2-34)

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More Problems...

1. People's attitudes _____

(1 Corinthians 11:2-16, Genesis 1:26-31, Genesis 2:7, 20-25)

2. The services _____

(1 Corinthians 11:17-22)

What do we do?

1. Live in light...

(Genesis 1:27, 1 Corinthians 7)

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2. Celebrate...

(1 Corinthians 11:22-34, Galatians 3:28, Acts 2:42)

- It's a meal where _____

- It's a _____

- It's a _____

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This weeks discussion guide:

Welcome to week 4 of our Small Group Session!

We are getting together to pray for one another and study God's Word. Our last meeting this quarter will be the week of June 19th.

Getting Started:

1. This weekend we talked about the significance of Communion. Depending on your religious background, there may be other religious ceremonies you were exposed to growing up. What importance did confirmation classes, first Communion, baby dedication, baptism or some other ceremony have in your family when you were a child?

How did your experience with these as a child influence your opinion of Christ or the church once you grew up?

2. What do you tend to do when you're reading the Bible and come to a passage that doesn't make sense to you?

___ Skip it and move on ___ Ask a friend

___ Look for the answer in a commentary or other resource

___ Check out the Internet ___ Other

What resources have you found that are helpful to you in understanding the Bible?

Digging Deeper:

1. Often times as a Christian, God asks us to do things that we don't naturally want to do. The good news is that God never intended for us to do these things in our own strength. What do these passages say about what God has provided for us to live the Christian life?

Philippians 2:12-13

Galatians 5:16-26

What are some reasons why a person wouldn't use the resources God has made available to us?

2. Jesus celebrated the first Lord's Supper knowing that Judas would betray Him, the disciples would desert Him, and Peter would deny Him. In John 13:1-17, we see how He acted even with this knowledge. What choices and actions do you see Jesus making in this passage?

If you had been sitting around the table with the disciples, what do you think your response would have been to what He did?

Does this passage give you any insight into what Jesus thinks about you even in light of your sin and disobedience?

3. As we heard this weekend, Communion is a celebration of the sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf. That sacrifice made it possible for Christians to experience a whole host of spiritual "benefits." Read the following verses and write down the spiritual benefit each one talks about.

Ephesians 1:7

Ephesians 2:18

Colossians 1:13-14

Romans 8:1

Which one of these is most encouraging to you?
Which one are you most likely to overlook?

As you think about what it cost Jesus to make these benefits available to you, take a moment to thank Him for paying the price.

4. All of us in some capacity or another represent different arenas of life. Arenas where we represent something bigger than just ourselves. What are some of the arenas of life you represent? Based upon those things that you represent, how can that help you make better decisions in pressure situations. Was there a time when you didn't represent one of your arenas well?

Collectively as representatives of Grace Point Church, how do we want our church to be represented in our community?

Wrapping Up:

Based on last week's message and our discussion, is there any specific application that God might be prompting you to live out?

Take a few moments to take some prayer request and spend some time praying for the other members in your group.

