

THE BIG IDEA CURRICULUM

Sermon: Communion

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The Big Idea: Communion is one of two new practices ,the other being baptism, that Jesus asked His disciples to perform as part of being His church. By taking part in this ceremony, we are saying to the world, that we are the disciples of a risen Christ and that He lives in us. We are proclaiming the reality of the living Christ.

Group Reads John 13:1-5

Questions: The context for Jesus washing His disciples feet is:

- knowing that He is leaving this world, (notice He is not thinking about being crucified) but that He is leaving the disciples
- His love for His disciples
- Knowing that the Father had given Him all power
- He has come from the God and was returning to God.

What does this tell you about the importance of Jesus washing the disciples feet?

What does washing the disciples feet have to do with the context mentioned above?

Group Reads John 13:6-15

Questions: Why does Peter not want to have his feet washed by Jesus?

What does verse 10 mean in the context of baptism and forgiveness?

Since most Christians today do not normally do footwashing as part of communion, what do you think Jesus means in verses 14,15?

Is there anything else that you found interesting in the above verses?

(Hints – community, humility, forgiveness obedience etc)

Group Reads 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Questions: 1. What does it mean to “do this in remembrance of me?”

Discuss: The old covenant was a covenant of promise. People before the cross believed by faith that Jesus would come, live die and rise again (Group read Habreus 11: 39) After the cross we have a new covenant or new testament (depending on your translation). The new covenant is based on the reality of what Christ has done. What does living in the new covenant mean?

What does this ceremony say we are doing if we drink the cup?

Concluding Questions

Since there are only two new ceremonies or practices (baptism and communion) started by Jesus, can you see and relationship between the two?

If they are both important to Jesus how does that impact me?