

LORD'S SUPPER GUIDE

JUNE 2018



The Lord's Supper shall be done once a month in the Dgroup along with the monthly prayer meeting. It shall be held at the end of the prayer time.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DGROUP LEADER:

1. Assign a member to prepare the elements:
 - a. Any one whole piece of cracker or bread (preferably without yeast).
 - b. Grape juice -- one big cup or bottle and many small cups (one for each member).
2. Announce the celebration of the Lord's Supper.
3. Lead the short devotion below.*
4. Thank God the Father for sending His Son as a sacrifice for our sins. Break the cracker or bread and say, "This reminds us of Jesus' body which was broken for us." Distribute the pieces and eat.
5. Pour the grape juice into the cups and say, "This reminds us of Jesus' blood which was shed for us." Distribute the cups and drink.
6. Close in prayer.

Please encourage all your members to individually pray and fast once a week (fasting one meal per week will do). You can share your answered prayers on the following month's prayer meeting.

SHORT DEVOTION

1. 1 Corinthians 11:26

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."

2. Explain the following points to your members:
 - a. The Lord's Supper is a graphic message of what Jesus Christ did. His multifaceted mission – to seek the lost, to give abundant life, to destroy the works of the devil, etc. – were all achieved at the cross. The resurrection validated His claims about who He is and testified to the truth of what He did.
 - b. Contained in the message of Christ's death is the Gospel of salvation. It is the good news that forgiveness of sin is now available for those who believe.
 - c. The message of the Lord's Supper, however, is not just a recollection of what happened, but also an anticipation of what will happen. As we await the return of Christ, Paul later on writes about the function of the body of Christ – that as we are "one body with many members" in Christ, we also ought to use our gifts for God's glory.
 - d. The day will come when our Lord Jesus Christ will come again, not as the Savior but as the Judge of all men. This is the expectation of all those who partake of the Lord's Table.
3. Ask them to reflect on these. (2 minutes)
 - a. Has the cross of Christ transformed your life and are you living it in anticipation of His return?
 - b. Are you carrying out His purpose for your life? In the church's recent invitation to #GoServe, have you decided to use your unique calling and gifts so that His mission can be accomplished?
 - c. Knowing that Christ will come to judge all men, are we careful to live a life pleasing to his eyes? Do we honor Him in being useful members of the body of Christ?

All Dgroups are encouraged to devote their first meeting of the month to a time of prayer and commemoration of the Lord's Supper.