

LORD'S SUPPER GUIDE

DECEMBER 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 is a symbol of Jesus' body which was broken for us." Distribute the pieces and eat.
5. Pour the grape juice into the cups and say, "This is a symbol 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. Read the verses below with your Dgroup members, emphasizing on the highlighted words.

Genesis 3:21-22 ***"The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. And the LORD GOD said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever."*** (NIV)

Hebrews 9:22 ***"In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."*** (NIV)
2. Explain the following points to your members:
 - a. God is sovereign. He possesses all power and dominion over heaven and earth. With His powerful hand, He is always in control and is able to do whatever He wills.
 - b. Adam and Eve sinned by eating the forbidden fruit, thus, God denied them the fruit from the Tree of Life. (G. v.22)
 - c. The payment for sin is death. Therefore, a sacrifice must be made to atone for sin. (Heb. 9:22)
 - d. God provided a picture of sacrifice when He clothed Adam and Eve with animal skin (G. v.21) which symbolized the death of an animal that was meant to be a substitute for Adam and Eve.
 - e. It was once by God's sovereign grace that He provided Jesus Christ, the true and perfect sacrifice for our sins. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. (John 1:29)
 - f. We personally receive Christ's gift of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 16:31). God chose us out of His free own will, not because of our own merit. Since God, in His sovereignty, has chosen us, we must be faithful stewards of His grace and continue to abide in Him.
3. Ask them to reflect on these. (2 minutes)
 - a. As you celebrate the Lord's Supper, what attitude should you have knowing that God sovereignly and graciously chose to offer you eternal life?
 - b. Aware of God's sovereignty, how can you become faithful stewards 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.



E R R A T U M

It has been brought to our attention that the Lord's Supper Guide, released in December 2018 contains an error in item 2.f wherein it states that:

“We personally receive Christ’s gift of salvation through the Lord’s Supper. God chose us out of His free own will, not because of our own merit. Since God, in His sovereignty, has chosen us, we must be faithful stewards and abide in Him.”

This line does not agree with what we believe about salvation as stated in the Bible, and we sincerely apologize for the oversight.

We would like to clarify that in accordance to our Statement of Faith,

“We believe that Salvation, with its forgiveness of sins, impartation of a new nature, and eternal life, **is a free gift from God received when a person trusts in Jesus Christ to be their only Savior and Lord.** Salvation is given by God’s grace and cannot be earned by man through good works, baptism, church membership or any other means (Ephesians 2:8-9).”

“We personally receive Christ’s gift of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 16:31). God chose us out of His free own will, not because of our own merit. Since God, in His sovereignty, has chosen us, we must be faithful stewards of His grace and continue to abide in Him.”

Celebrating the Lord's Supper **is not the means for receiving the gift of salvation.** But instead, we celebrate the Lord's supper in keeping with Christ's command in Luke 23:19, “*And when He had taken some bread and 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.”*”