

What is Communion?

- Communion is a _____.
(Acts 2:42-47)
- Communion is a _____—because God has _____ his people.
(1 Corinthians 5:7-8, 2 Chronicles 30:21)
- Communion is a _____—where God and his people _____ to each other.
(1 Corinthians 11:25, Exodus 24:6-11)
- Communion is a _____—where God's people share in his _____.
(1 Corinthians 10:18, Leviticus 7:15)
- Communion is the _____—Jesus is the _____, and the _____ is his.
(1 Corinthians 11:20-21, Luke 15:2)

What does Communion do?

- At the table we _____ the _____.
(1 Corinthians 11:26, 10:16)
- At the table we _____ our _____ with God.
(1 Corinthians 10:21)
- At the table we _____ and _____ the generosity of God.
(Luke 14:21-23, 13-14)
- At the table we learn to _____ and _____ each other.
(1 Corinthians 11:27-33)

Conclusion

- Jesus invites us to come to _____ table and _____ his kingdom.
- The food at the table never _____—it has to be _____!
- Gathering at the table can transform _____, congregations, and _____.

Small Group Questions

1. GETTING STARTED:

- What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
- What did you think of the way we did communion this week? How did it change your experience?

2. INTO THE BIBLE (READ LUKE 5:27-31)

- Why did the Pharisees and teachers object to Jesus' choice of dinner company? Can you sympathize at all with their perspective?
- Why did Jesus choose to eat with sinners and tax collectors?
- If this is how Jesus acted at supper, how should this story shape the way we approach the Lord's Supper in our congregation?
- How should the story shape the way we approach our own tables at home?

3. GOING DEEPER

- How are we tempted to "eat at the tables of demons," like Paul talked about? What other powers are we tempted to rely on?
- What does it look like to eat only at the Lord's table? What behaviors do we have to avoid to stay faithful to the Lord's Supper?
- What difference does it make if others see us eating—or refusing to eat—at the tables of other powers? How does this proclaim the Gospel?

4. PRAYER

- Spend time thanking God for his generosity. Ask him to help you to be generous with his table.