

Small Group & Personal Bible Study – Week of 5/6/07

Memory Verse: Revelations 5:12 “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

Small Group Questions:

1. Read the three gospel accounts of the Lord’s Supper instituted by Jesus Christ. What do you think was the main purpose of this ceremony we celebrate called communion? (Matthew 26:26-30, Mark 14:22-26, Luke 22:14-20)

I find that remembering Jesus and the sacrifice of his body and blood for my sins and the promise that He is the new covenant with God that can not be taken away is the key message of communion.

2. Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-33. What do you learn about your preparation and attitude towards communion? What do these verses tell you about unity and love? What do these verses tell you about taking communion without remembering the sacrifice and Lordship of Christ? What does it tell you about communing with Christ while remaining in sin?

I find that I must prepare my heart and focus on Christ and His sacrifice. Part of that preparation is examining my heart and repenting of sin. I learn that I should love and care about my brothers and sisters, much like Jesus did when he washed the feet of his disciples.

3. Read the account of the first Passover in Exodus 12. What comparisons can you find between the significance of reason for the Passover celebration of the Israelites and the communion celebration of the Christians?

God used the blood of a perfect lamb to save the lives of his children. God instituted a feast for His people to remember that act of love for us.

GROUP LEADERS: Consider spending some time together in worship and communion together as a group during your small group. Sharing in the Lord’s Supper, the Word, Hymns and Praise Songs can be an intimate time with God, His word and people as you worship together remembrance of the Lord’s Supper.

This week’s daily reading plan: This week read and meditate on the significance of the sacrifice of God’s Son that we remember in the ceremony of communion and read of how God used several events in the history to show a preview of how a sacrifice or substitute would be made for the saving of life.

Day 1 – 1 Corinthians 11:17-33 – The Lord’s Supper

Day 2 – Exodus 12 – The Passover

Day 3 – Genesis 22 – Abraham & Isaac

Day 4 - Jeremiah 31:31-34 – A New Covenant with God

Day 5 – Revelations 19:1-10 – Wedding Supper of the Lamb