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## ***The Lord's Supper, Communion*** ***1Corinthians 11:23-31; Mark 14:12-26***

### **Introduction:**

In this meeting we want to touch on the topic "The Lord's Supper". In the Bible there are two special commands that Jesus gave to the church. They are activities that Jesus commands us to do. For the church to be obedient, we have to fulfill the two commands. The first one most of you have already fulfilled; this is the commandment of water baptism. Baptism is a once-for-all act. The second is the commandment to partake of the Lord's Supper. Believers partake of the Lord's Supper often. It is preferable for Christians to partake of the Lord's Supper once a month. Today we will understand why and how to celebrate the Lord's Supper together. The apostle Paul wrote a letter to the new church in a city called Corinth to encourage them in their walk with Jesus. In one part of this letter he encourages them and teaches them how to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Listen, then, to what Paul taught them about the Lord's Supper. Paul says that he had received this teaching directly from Jesus. The following is what Paul received.

### **Why It Is Necessary To Participate In The Lord's Supper**

#### **Story:**

##### **The Lord's Supper**

On the night Jesus was betrayed by Judas, Jesus was sitting with his disciples performing his last supper with them before dying on the cross. After supper, he took a piece of bread, gave thanks to God for it, broke it and said, "This is (represents) my body which I give for you, do this in remembrance of me." Everyone took a piece of bread and ate it together. After eating the bread together, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks to God for it, and said to his disciples, "This cup is (represents) the new covenant in my blood; do this every time you drink of it in remembrance of me." Then they all drank the wine from the cup.

Paul went on to say, "Whenever you eat the bread and drink the cup of wine together, you are proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes. The person who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sin." For this reason, each person, before taking the Lord's Supper, should examine

### **Instructions:**

- *Tell the story*
- *Retell the story.*
- *Tell the story with the help of others.*
- *Have someone tell the story as accurately as possible.*
- *Ask the seven questions.*

### **Questions:**

- 1) What do you like about this story?
- 2) What do you dislike or find confusing in this story?
- 3) What did you learn about God and His character?
- 4) What did you learn about human beings and their character?
- 5) What did God show you in this story and what should you obey?
- 6) How will you remember this story? (Answer: Tell others.)
- 7) Who has God told to tell this story, and when will you obey?

himself to see if there is sin in his life. Because he had not repented of his sin, Paul said to the Corinthians, "There are among you sick people, and there are also some who have died." So, in order not to be judged now by the Lord, we must examine ourselves and repent. At the completion of this special supper, they sang a hymn and then left together for the garden, where Christ was betrayed and arrested.

**Applications:**

One way to follow Christ faithfully is to make a commitment to meet regularly with him and with other Christians to observe the Lord's Supper. We suggest that you meet monthly to celebrate the Lord's Supper as a way of remembering the sacrifice Jesus made for you and to renew your commitment to him. When we eat the bread, it reminds us of Jesus' body that was sacrificed for us. When we drink the cup, it reminds us of the blood of Jesus that covers our sins. This is a good time to make sure that you have confessed your sins to God and to others whom you have offended. The Lord's Supper is always a precious moment in the presence of God.

**Additional Questions**

- How often should a child of God partake of the Lord's Supper?
- Who can serve the Lord's Supper?
- What should a believer who has sin in his life do before participating in the Lord's Supper?
- What are some purposes of performing the Lord's Supper in church?

**Memory verse:**

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I Corinthians 11:26

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

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