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The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Selected Scriptures

“Communion: Remember Jesus Christ”

I. Who Jesus Is

II. What Jesus Did For Us

III. Why Jesus Did It

Discussion & Application:

1. At TBBF we typically partake of communion together on the 1st Sunday of the month. In 1 Cor. 11:23-26, Paul wrote these words: “For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘This is My body, which is for you; do this **in remembrance of Me.**’ In the same way *He took* the cup also after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, **in remembrance of Me.**’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you **proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.**” Why is it important for us to take communion together as a church family? Why do we need these elements to remind us of Jesus? If we take communion with other believers, to whom are we proclaiming the Lord’s death until He comes? Why would we need to do that?
2. Jesus asked His disciples, “**Who** do people say that the Son of Man is?” (Mt. 16:13). What do religions and cults say about who Jesus is? Who do secular people say Jesus is (was)? Why was it so important that the disciples of Jesus (and all people since that time) answer this question correctly? (See Jn. 1:1; 4:25-26; 8:24, 28, 58; Mt. 24:5; Mk. 13:6; Lk. 21:8; Acts 4:12; 16:31; Rom. 10:9-13; Col. 1:15-18; Heb. 1:1-3) To be our Savior why did He have to be both God and man? Who do you say Jesus is? Does your life reflect that in every area?
3. The first half of each Gospel answers the question, “Who is Jesus?” The second half of each Gospel answers the question, “**What** did Jesus do for us?” What do religions and cults say about what Jesus has done (and has not done) for us? What does the Bible say that Jesus has done for us? List as many things as you can (with Scripture reference) that Jesus accomplished for us in His first coming. Why is it critical that we understand and remember these things? What happens to people who believe Jesus accomplished some of their salvation, but they have to accomplish the rest of it themselves? (See Gal. 5:1-4) Have you trusted in the finished work of Jesus Christ alone? Does your life reflect that in every area? Share specific areas where your life has changed because you trusted in Jesus alone for salvation.
4. What happens if we know WHO Jesus is but don’t understand WHAT He did for us? What happens if we know WHAT He did for us but don’t know WHO He is? Is it essential that we know the correct answer to both questions to go to heaven?
5. **WHY** did Jesus come and do those things for us? What motivated Him? List as many reasons as you can (with Scripture reference – yes, you can start with John 3:16). As disciples of Jesus, we are called to follow Him and be like Him. How have your own motives changed since you came to saving faith in Jesus Christ?
6. Read Leviticus 1:1-9. Yes, I said Leviticus. It is one of my favorite books in the Bible. It is the “Worship Manual” of the Old Testament. It tells us how sinful people can approach God (by grace through faith in God’s promises via the sacrificial system), and how sinful people can maintain fellowship with God. Leviticus 1 describes the “burnt offering” (the sacrifice that deals with our general sinfulness). In verse 2, where does the worshiper get the sacrificial animal? In verse 3, what specific requirements must the sacrificial animal meet? What does this offering accomplish? In verses 4-9, what specific things does the worshiper do and what does the priests do? Imagine having to do this (and the other sacrifices listed in the following chapters again and again and again...). According to Hebrews, Jesus perfectly fulfilled the sacrificial system. Now picture Jesus as that sacrificial animal. Imagine putting your hands on Him, transferring your sin & guilt to Him (the One who was sinless & guilt-free). Now imagine that it isn’t the Roman soldiers, but you are the one who tortures Him and puts Him on a cross. Now realize that it only had to happen once. How does this impact the way you remember Jesus and what He accomplished for you?