



Small Group Discussion Guide

November 5, 2017

Sermon Title:

"Reminders at the Table"

Sermon Text: 1 John 1:1-10

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:26-30

Leader: *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting, and then have someone offer a brief prayer for God to meet with your group.*

Getting Started: When is the last time you sat down for a "big" meal with several members of your family or close friends? What sort of conversation happened around the table? How did it make you feel? How long did it last?

Discussion:

1. The Pastor stated: "Holy Communion is perhaps the highest and purest act of worship." Discuss the statement and add your thoughts and opinions.
2. When and where did Jesus first institute Holy Communion? What occasion were they celebrating that evening? What did it commemorate? Do you remember any other acts that took place that evening at the meal? **(Reference: John 13:1-5)**
3. As John write his introduction to 1 John, notice the personal way he speaks of very intimate contact with Jesus. It is very personal. What are all the "physical" signs John writes of that testify to his being an eye-witness to Jesus life and ministry? **(Vs.1)**
4. As Jesus begins to give the instructions as to the meaning behind the act of communion, how did some of the disciples react? **(Reference: John 6:54, 6:60, 6:66)**
5. The Pastor mentions three reminders we are to recall every time we come to the table:
 - 1) Communion is a symbol of unity of the church. **(Reference: 1 Corinthians 10:17)**
(1 John 1:7a)
"Church is not something we go to, it is a body to which we belong." (Discuss)
 - 2) Communion reminds us of the new covenant in which we live.
(Reference: 1 John 1:7b)
 - 3) Communion deeply connects us with the person of Christ.
(Reference: John 6:54) We connect by "believing".

The church doesn't perfectly reflect the life of Christ, but Holy Communion connects us with the One who is perfect!

Closing: Close by sharing pray requests. **GO SHARE JESUS!**