

Kingdom Rising

“Countdown”

GETTING STARTED

ICE BREAKER: What is your impression of Passover?

KEY THOUGHT: ***Communion is a culmination and anticipation***

GETTING THE POINT

Read Mark 14:12-21

1. What words here suggest that the master of the house may have known Jesus personally?
2. Why didn't Jesus just say the name of the person whose house He wants to go to?
3. Describe the disruption in the Passover meal when Jesus shared that someone there in the room would betray Him. How does Jesus still show grace toward His betrayer?

Read Mark 14:22-26

4. What is radical about Jesus saying “This is My body” and “This is My blood”?
5. How do Jesus's words point back to history and forward to the future?

GETTING DEEPER

Read Exodus 24:8-11

1. How does verse 8 tie to Mark 14:24?
2. How does verse 11 tie to the Passover and Lord's Supper (communion)?

GETTING PERSONAL

1. What words during the Passover meal do you think you might have struggled with?
2. What parallels are there between Passover and communion? What differences?
3. Describe how the early church might have incorporated communion into their observance of Passover, and then eventually set Passover aside to observe communion similarly to today?
4. Why is it so important to resolve conflicts between believers before taking communion?
5. Does it encourage you more to look back to the history of Passover and see God's deliverance, or to look forward to the coming Kingdom and God's ultimate redemption? Why?

PRAY...

that we will more fully appreciate the rich history of communion, and the future it points to.