

GETTING STARTED:

- 1) What table manners were encouraged as you were growing up?
- 2) What types of memorials have you experienced that inspire reverence for you? Are there types that don't?

MESSAGE BIG IDEA: "Table Manners - Proclamation" - Those who partake of the Lord's supper proclaim HIS DEATH..... (we would rather talk about his birth, miracles....but HIS DEATH has to be, or none of the others would matter!

MAIN SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26 (Have a group member read)

DISCUSSION

- 1) What are some ways that participating in the Lord's Supper, 'proclaim His death' in your opinion?
- 2) What are some examples of death bringing life? Can death also bring joy (how?)?
- 3) If a non-Christian friend asked you "why do you take communion every week?" What would you say?
- 4) "Propitiation" . . . a heavy word indeed in the KJVersion of the Bible. Look up a definition of this word.
How does this word now mean a little more to you than the words "atoning sacrifice" in most versions?
What does Jesus death ultimately save us from?

DIG DEEPER (Other scriptures?)

- 1) How does Jesus death show us how to live? 1 Cor 11:17-22
- 2) Looking ahead to next week's final "Table Manners" message from I Cor. 11: 27-28 and following, are there times when we shouldn't take communion?
- 3) What should our table manners be like during communion? (List several);

BRING IT HOME

- 1) Why is it difficult for us to accept what Christ has done for us?
- 2) Phil. 2: 1-8 describes the sacrifice Jesus made and why. (List every verb or descriptive word in the passage that defines what Jesus did? What are some practical ways we can live out the same in our daily lives?

ASK FOR GOD'S HELP

- 1) How can we pray regarding any struggles you have understanding the taking of communion?
- 2) How can we "proclaim Jesus' death" this week?