

SERMON DISCUSSION

QUESTIONS

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Farewell: The Fifth Cup - David Lane

WARM-UP

1. Pastor Dave opened by recalling his first communion service with EAC, in January 2011. Do you recall your first communion? If so, describe it – when was it, how old were you, what meaning did it have for you that first time? Even if you can't remember your first communion, what does it mean to you today? How do you describe what communion is?

DIGGING DEEPER

With this message, Pastor Dave continues his final sermon series at EAC. This week, as EAC returns to the Lord's Supper after many months, Dave reflects on the first communion of the New Covenant and the subsequent time in the garden, and what it means for us, and the whole world, today.

The Passover – READ: Exodus 6:6-7 and Exodus 12:1-13

2. As we go back 1,500 years from the time of Jesus on earth, in verses 6:6 and 7, as God speaks to Moses, He declares four "I wills" – promises from Him to the people of Israel under the covenant with Abraham. What are those four promises? Why is this significant? Note the language of the fourth promise in verse 7 – is this covenantal language? How so?
3. In verses 12:11-13, God gives the final instructions for response of the Israelites when He brings the 10th plague on Egypt and frees them from bondage. As they followed His instructions, what was going to 'pass over' them that night? And how were His people to be protected? What does this have to do with Jesus' final days on earth?

The Lord's Supper – READ: Luke 22:14-20 and Mark 14:22-25

4. Fast forward 1,500 years to that Thursday night of Jesus' final week before His death. Jesus is 'remembering' the Passover with His disciples, and as part of the final Passover remembrance (as part of the Seder), they are to drink four cups of wine in remembrance of the four promises of God in Exodus 6. Reading Luke 22:20, understanding that as Jesus speaks, they are drinking the third cup after the meal, the cup of Redemption, He describes this third cup. What is this third cup? What is it for?
5. As Mark describes in 14:23-25, Jesus shares and drinks of the third cup, but does not drink of the fourth cup – the cup of protection. Why not?

The Fifth Cup – READ: Mark 14:32-36

6. But there is also a fifth cup – the cup of God’s wrath in His judgement, brought upon the wickedness, the sinfulness of humanity – the cup that surely no one wanted to drink from – read Jeremiah 25:15 and 27-28; Psalm 69:24 and Psalm 79:3-6. Who was this cup of God’s wrath for?
7. In Mark’s verse 14:34, Jesus knew what was coming – how significant was it for Him? In verses 35 and 36, what did Jesus do? And what did He pray to His Father for? Why? But we know that God’s Will was done that next day. Describe what Jesus allowed to happen to Him relative to the fifth cup. Is the cup of God’s wrath now empty? How and why? Is this Good News? Why? Read Acts 1:8. As believers, what are we to do with this Good News?

PRAYER

Pray by reading Isaiah 52:7-10. As you pray this scripture passage, ask God how He wants you to proclaim the Gospel to those who need to hear. How can your feet be ‘lovely’ in bringing the Good News to a world desperate to know and love Him, and pray that, through the Holy Spirit’s guidance, we would take the message of the Gospel to those who He places in our paths where we live, work and play.

In case you missed the service, here are the EAC, Facebook, and YouTube links:

<http://edgewateralliance.org/media/sermon-videos>

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