

Know Your Rites

COMMUNION

Life Group Study / Week of November 22, 2020

Memorize.

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Open.

What repeated, shared meal is especially meaningful for your family or group of friends? What makes it special?

Study.

If you happened to hear Pastor Jim's message on Sunday, what stood out to you? What questions do you have?

Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-30.

From this passage, how would you define what Jesus intended communion to be?

From verses 23-25, to what does communion prompt us to *look back*?

Why is looking back essential on a regular basis for the church? For individual believers?

From verse 26, to what does communion prompt us to *look forward*? Also see Matthew 26:29; Mark 14:25; Luke 22:20.

Why is this essential on a regular basis for the church? For individual believers?

From the broader context of this passage, in what ways does communion prompt us to *look around*? See especially verses 17, 18, 20, 33 and 34.

Why is this essential for the church? For individual believers?

From verses 27-34, how does baptism prompt us to *look within*?

Why is self-examination essential for the church? For individual believers?

What does the observance of communion mean to you personally?

What attitudes ought we to bring to our communion observances?

What questions do you have from our study?