

Growth Group Questions

"Crimson Love"

Mark 14:12-26

Jesus: The Gospel of Mark, Part 35

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1. Share a memorable experience of how you felt love or how you've longed for love.
2. Read Mark 14:12-16. If you were one of the two disciples told to prepare the place for this Passover, how would you have felt receiving the instructions and seeing every detail realized? What are some instances that shake your understanding of God, particularly His being in control? Read Isaiah 40:21-26. How does this passage help you in your view of God? If God is in control, how does that change the way you live?
3. Mark 14:17-21. It is always hard to talk about betrayal. Jesus knew early on that Judas would betray him (Mark 10:33-34; John 6:70), yet Jesus did not stop loving Judas. He even washed his feet (John 13:10-11)! What does this tell you? How can we authentically but not thoughtlessly carry out Jesus' command to love (1 John 4:7-12) even our enemies (Matt. 5:44)?
4. Compare Mark 14:22-26 with Hebrews 10:19-25. How is the New Covenant expressed here? How do these two passages concur and harmonize? What are some practical ways that we can live out these passages in our present situation?
5. Re-enact the Last Supper. Let your creative imagination take you back to the upper room. Read 1 Cor. 11:23-29. Break bread together and drink of the cup. Thank Him for His love. Sing a hymn. Worship Him.

Message Notes

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The New Passover = Love Expression

1. Love Preparation

Mark 14:12-16, Luke 22:15

2. Love Declaration

Mark 14:17-21

In Middle Eastern culture, betraying a friend after eating a meal with him *was and is* regarded as the worst kind of treachery.

Two warnings:

- a. We should be humbly aware that if one of the Twelve could betray Jesus, every Christian has the potential.
- b. The danger of egocentricity.

3. Love Actualization

Mark 14:22-25

The Passover is a symbol of the Old Covenant.

The Last Supper is a symbol of the New Covenant.

The New Covenant is all about an inner transformation that cleanses us from all sin and liberates us to live fully for God.