

Third Sunday in Lent ~ March 3, 2013



***Life Group & Family
Discussion Guide***

“The Upper Room”

Luke 22:7-23

This week we begin a new sermon series entitled: Passion. The Gospels record several events that took place during the last week of Jesus earthly life and ministry. This final week is often referred to as “Passion Week” because of the beautiful passion with which Jesus strove and suffered to fulfill His mission to “seek and save the lost” (Luke 19:10) and give His life as “a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). The series will take us right up to Easter Sunday when we will celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Savior of the world! May this be a time of rich reflection and renewal for our church!



DISCUSS WITH YOUR LIFE GROUP:

1. **Read Luke 22:1-23.** What is similar about verses 1-6 and verse 8-13? Two different groups of people were making preparations. Discuss.

2. Look at verse 15. Why did Jesus eagerly desire to celebrate the Passover with His apostles?

3. **Refer to Exodus 12** for a reminder of what the Passover Celebration was about.

4. **Look up 1 Corinthians 5:7.** How do Paul's words add to our understanding of why Jesus was so eager to celebrate the Passover with His apostles?

5. In the Old Testament, covenants (agreements between two parties) were sealed with blood (Exodus 24:8). How does this help us understand why we celebrate Jesus body being broken and His blood being poured out?

6. Jesus transitioned Passover into the Lord's Supper. How does this guide us in our participation of Communion (The Lord's Supper)? **See 1 Corinthians 10:16.**



DISCUSS WITH YOUR FAMILY:

1. Passover was a special feast that was celebrated with families. It was designed to commemorate the Israelites being delivered from slavery in Egypt. Children played a big part! They would ask several questions and the parents would tell the story of the Exodus. Read from Exodus 12, or tell the story of the Exodus.
2. Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper at a Passover celebration to give continuity to both celebrations. Discuss the connections (Sacrificing of a Lamb; Having God's judgment pass over God's people, being delivered from slavery to sin, etc.).
3. Discuss the significance of Bread and Wine at the Lord's Supper.
4. J.C. Ryle described the Lord's Supper as a "visible sermon." Why?

SERMON NOTES