# 

MAY 14 & 15 WEEK 2 COMMUNION

Message Notes

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"Celebration brings joy into life and joy makes us strong." Richard Foster

"You are founded in joy, created for joy, and destined for joy. Joy is where you come from. Joy is what you are created to experience. Joy is where you are headed." Margaret Feinberg

"Then they are to take some of the **blood** and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs." *Exodus 12:7* 

"The **blood** will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the **blood**, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt." *Exodus* 12:13

"This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall **celebrate** it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance." *Exodus* 12:14

**Jesus** is the real Passover Lamb.

Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us. 1 Corinthians 5:7

"Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. It was the precious **blood** of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. 1 Peter 1:18-19

**Everyone** is in trouble.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is **death**, but the free gift of God is **eternal life** through Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans* 6:23

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and **believes** him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life." *John 5:24* 

The blood of Christ also sets us <u>free</u> from the power of sin.

And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has **freed** you from the power of sin that leads to death. *Romans* 8:2

# We <u>forget</u>

They **forgot** God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea. *Psalm* 106:21-22

"This is my body which is for you. Do this in <b>remembrance</b> of me. This
cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in
remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup
you <b>proclaim</b> the Lord's death until he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:24-26

"Whoever **believes** in him is not condemned, but whoever does not **believe** is condemned already, because he has not **believed** in the name of the only Son of God." *John 3:18* 

## WEEKLY BIBLE READING

ONE YEAR NEW TESTAMENT	SUNDAY John 8:21-37	MONDAY John 8:38-59	TUESDAY John 9:1-34
this week	may 15	may 16	may 17
WEDNESDAY John 9:35-10:21	THURSDAY John 10:22-11:16	FRIDAY John 11:17-50	SATURDAY John 11:51-12:19
may 18	may 19	may 20	may 21
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE Romans 8:2			

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For Group Discussion

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

#### Check-in

LAST WEEK'S ACTION STEP

From the information we discussed the last time we met, what did you apply to your life in a practical way?

#### OTHER POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR CHECK-IN

TIME WITH GOD – What are you applying that you are getting from your daily time with God?

MEMORY/MEDITATION VERSE - State it.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR - Who was accountable for you? Did they care for you by helping you achieve your action step(s) this past week?

### Introduction

Communion has been part of the Church since its inception. The roots of communion are taken from the history of the Israelites and their celebration of the Passover. In the Old Testament, the Passover celebration was a time to remember how God led His people out of the bondage of slavery. Today, we use communion to remember the sacrifice Jesus made when He laid down his life on the cross to pay the price for our sin.

# **Discussion Questions**

- 1. Read Romans 3:23 and 6:23. Paul uses these verses to be very clear about the effect and the penalty of sin. Share with the group when the ideas in these verses became real to you.
- 2. Read John 1:29. How does the sacrifice of the Passover Lamb resemble the sacrifice of Jesus?

Read John 3:16-18 and 5:24. What do these verses mean to you, and why is this a reason to celebrate?

## **Small Group Questions Continued**

- 3. Read Romans 8:1-2. Our own lives show that freedom from sin is possible, but it is not automatic. Share something that once enslaved you, and the steps you had to take to break free. Is there something in your life God wants to free you from now? What is the first step you need to take to move out of slavery and into freedom?
- 4. Read Psalm 106:21-22. God led his people out of slavery in Egypt, and somehow after some time passed they forgot. With all the pressures and struggles of life, how easy is it to forget what God has done for you? How do we get past the things that make us forget?

Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. Describe what it was like for you to remember the sacrifice of Jesus during communion this past weekend.

What will you do this week to help you remember to celebrate what Jesus did for you?

## **Action Step**

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.			
My action steps are			
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I'm accountable for	, and their action steps are		
My memory verse is			
This coming week, I'm praying for:			