

COMMUNION

Message Notes
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Meal 1

Meal in the garden

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."
Genesis 2:16-17

What did it cost?

1. **Spiritually** _____
2. **Physically** _____
3. **Relationally** _____
4. **Curse** _____ of Creation

Meal 2

The Last **Supper** _____

Now as they were eating Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body. And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. *Matthew 26:26-27*

What did it cost?

It cost Jesus his **life** .

Meal 3

Marriage Supper

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready... *Revelation 19:6-7*

What is the cost?

It's already **paid** for.

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

ONE YEAR NEW TESTAMENT	SUNDAY Matthew 25:1-30	MONDAY Matthew 25:31-26:13	TUESDAY Matthew 26:14-46
this week	february 7	february 8	february 9
WEDNESDAY Matthew 26:47-68	THURSDAY Matthew 26:69-27:14	FRIDAY Matthew 27:15-37	SATURDAY Matthew 27:38-66
february 10	february 11	february 12	february 13
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE Matthew 20:28			

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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?

Discussion Questions

1. What is the most expensive meal you've ever eaten? What was included? Were there any other factors that drove the price?

2. Eve listened to the voice of the serpent, and chose to eat the fruit of the forbidden tree. Read Genesis 3:1-7. What "voices" are speaking to you about the choices you make? Are those voices leading you toward God, or away from Him? How do those voices affect you spiritually, physically, and/or relationally?

After disobeying God, Adam and Eve ran to hide among the trees. When God questioned their actions they tried to shift the blame. READ Genesis 3:8-13. How do you typically respond when you recognize that you've disobeyed God? In the box below list some of the costs you've paid as a result.

Spiritually -

Physically -

Relationally -

Small Group Questions Continued

3. As the Disciples ate with Jesus, He used the elements of their meal to illustrate how His body would be broken and His blood would be spilled. Read Matthew 26:26-29. How would you have expected the Disciples to react to Jesus if they truly understood the level of sacrifice He was about to make?

As believers we know the sacrifice Jesus made to reconcile us to God. Read 1 Corinthians 11:27-29. What are some practical ways we should examine ourselves to make sure we are honoring His sacrifice? How will an honest self-examination benefit your relationship with God?

Action Step

4. Read Romans 5:12-21. The cost of Adam and Eve's meal is that we all died. The cost of Jesus' meal is that He died. The cost of the last meal is that I have to die. Jesus said, "If any of you wants to be my follower you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me." (Luke 9:23)

What will you do this week to address anything that drives you "into the trees," away from God? What steps will you take this week to make sure your life honors the sacrifice Jesus made to reconcile you to God? What will you do to turn from your selfish ways and follow Jesus?

Action Step

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.

My action steps are_____.

I'm accountable for_____, and their action steps are

My memory verse is_____.

This coming week, I'm praying for:

