

March 29 at Home Youth Lesson – The Last Supper

Praise: Start your time in worship together as a family by following the order of service posted by Westview.

Pray: It is important to spend time communicating with our savior. Express thanks and joy, as well as worry and fear. Ask God for peace. Ask Holy Spirit to meet with each of you and to draw you into deeper intimacy with God.

Review: Remind yourselves about last Sunday's lessons as well as what God has taught you, or made you aware of, through this past week.

Ask: Have everyone reflect together of what their understanding of Communion is.

Watch: This video may be familiar to your youth as I have shown it before, however it is a great and brief explanation of just what the Last Supper represents.

As we approach communion as a church next Sunday and as Easter is just around the corner, this is a great reminder for all of us, what this season is all about.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_OlRWGLdnw

Read: Luke 22: 7-23

Engage:

What do you think Jesus is relating himself to in this passage?

- The lamb

Why is this significant?

- He is saying that is now the new and only sacrifice that matters.

This is the first time Jesus is clear about exactly how He will take the place of the literal lamb once and for all. His death on the cross, i.e., the breaking of His body, would save humankind from their sin.

The Old Covenant was the covenant God made with Israel. God would be their God and they would be His people, if they kept His laws. How did that go? Were the Israelites able to perfectly keep God's Law?

- *Answer:* You should know because you've studied it that the Israelites turned from God and didn't keep His law.

So, in your own words, what was this new covenant Jesus was talking about?

- *Answer:* The New Covenant is a covenant of grace, not law. Jesus purchased our righteousness with His blood. Our failure to keep God's laws earns us death. But Jesus stood in our place on the cross. His blood covers our sins, and perfects the covenant God first made with sinful humankind.

Read: 1 John 2:1-2

Engage:

What does it mean to advocate on someone's behalf?

- *Answer:* To advocate is to plead someone's case to someone else.

Can you describe how Jesus advocates for us on our behalf?

- *Answer:* It's kind of amazing, but Jesus stands before God and advocates for our righteousness. When we place our faith in Christ, we are made righteous by His death on the cross. In that way, Jesus is essentially standing up for us, taking up our cause before God.

Propitiation is a big word. Any thoughts on what it means?

- *Answer:* It essentially means that Jesus took God's anger at our sin, bore it Himself (even though He was innocent), and earned God's favor on our behalf.

Remind students that this is the picture of what Jesus did on the cross for us. And it's a picture of what He was referring to during the Last Supper. When Jesus was basically telling His disciples what was going to happen to Him, and what He was doing, He did it with this in mind. He knew He would be our advocate. He knew He would serve as the propitiation for our sins. He is an amazing, wonderful Savior who loves us enough to make the ultimate sacrifice so that we could have relationship with God.

Conclusion: Remember that the point of participating in Communion so we are reminded of this truth, that Jesus gave everything we did not deserve so that we could be in relationship with God!

Challenge: Find 5 minutes every day this week to prepare yourself for communion next Sunday. Journal thoughts or stop and think quietly about what in your life Jesus sacrificed himself for!