Unlocking the Passover

Key Scriptures

Lk. 22:14-34 ¹⁴ When the hour had come. He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. ¹⁵ Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ "for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸ "for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁰ Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. ²¹ "But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table. ²² "And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!" ²³ Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing. ²⁴ Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. ²⁵ And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called `benefactors.' ²⁶"But not so among you. . .

Key Point: The death and resurrection of Christ is the center of history.

TALK IT OVER

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

• What is your favorite Fall food, drink, or activity?

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Read through Luke 22:14-34 as a group. (There wasn't enough room to print the whole passage here). Discuss anything that stands out or that you have questions about.
- In vv. 17-19 Jesus tells His disciples He won't eat the Passover meal or drink wine again until the kingdom of God. In what ways should this bring them hope? How is it that Jesus is able to speak about a future celebration while He is anticipating His suffering?
- How does Jesus apply the Passover meal to Himself?
- In v. 31-32, Jesus tells Peter that Satan requested to sift all of them like wheat ("you" is plural in v. 31, singular in v. 32). What do you think this meant? (See Luke 22:3, John 13:27, Luke 22:61)

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- In light of the dispute in 23-24, how much do you think the disciples understood of what Jesus was telling them?
- What was Jesus telling the Disciples in v. 25-27? In what ways can we practically live this out?

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week!

Is there a way you can follow Jesus example to serve this week?

Prayer Requests. It may be helpful to pray the scriptures back to God.

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