



SDG Discussion Guide

Luke 22:7-38

October 6, 2019

For Starters:

When you were growing up, what were mealtimes like? Where did everyone sit around the table? What one vivid memory do you have about each family member at that time?

What are special meals in your family: Thanksgiving? Christmas? Sunday dinner? Birthday suppers?

What is one thing you are looking forward to this month?

Guideline: The following is meant to provide an approach for further interaction with the respective sermon text and *surrounding passage*. Feel free to forward to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find this write up in print on that Sunday.

First, as you can, read aloud and slowly the selected passage in your group. If you have time, read it aloud a second time - from a different Bible translation.

Before you begin your discussion, pray and ask God to speak to your group. Notice, what may God be highlighting for your discussion and learning?

Now that you have read the text together and prayed, what points and questions arise from your group? **Spend plenty of time in your group to address these points and questions.** Explore and see how God may give guidance in the discussion. The following are further questions you may use to guide your interaction with the text.

1. What was the significance of Passover? The Passover lamb (see Ex 12:1-13, 21-28)?
2. In light of 19:39-48, why are the priests and teachers so determined to kill Jesus? How does that relate to the roundabout way Jesus has the disciples arrange for the Passover feast?
3. Besides the desire to be with friends, why might Jesus "eagerly desire" to share this particular Passover feast with the disciples? How will Passover really be "fulfilled" in the kingdom of God (v 16)? How does Jesus' use of the bread and wine change the emphasis of the Passover? What is the meaning of verse 18? Verse 19? From Jeremiah 31:31-33, how would you describe the "new covenant" Jesus brought about?
4. If you were there how would you have reacted to the news about Jesus' unnamed betrayer (vv 21-22)? How might that lead to the argument in verse 24? How does Jesus resolve that argument (vv 25-27)? What does he mean by the promise in verses 28-30?
5. How must Peter feel in verses 31-34?
6. What is Jesus trying to impress upon Peter (vv 31-32) and the others in verses 35-38: a) They should fight? b) They really will be left on their own once he's gone? c) He is indeed going to die, and will not be able to care for them? or d) Other? Why?
7. What does sharing in the Communion or the Lord's Supper mean to you?
8. With which disciple do you identify most and why: a) Judas - I've sold out on Jesus? b) Those arguing - I want to follow Jesus, but I still want to be successful in the eyes of others? or c) Peter - I am passionately committed to Jesus, but sometimes I fall flat on my face?

Prayer:

Come Holy Spirit. Help us to pray.... Please show us what you would have us see in this passage. Illuminate our relationships with you - help us to see ourselves as you see us. Refresh us in our communion with you and with one another. Help us to awaken anew to what that communion and freedom from sin cost you. Help us to turn away from that which may be keeping us from closeness to you. Remind us of your great love for us so that we may easily share your great love with everyone we meet. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.