

Sermon Notes:

I need to ponder the Lord's Supper

I Corinthians 11:17-34

Kids, draw a picture of the our communion table with the bread and cup.

Put your name here: _____



LOUISVILLE
EVANGELICAL
Free Church

Helping People Follow Jesus Together

Our Core Values:

Graciousness. Following Jesus is a journey in humility and grace. We want to humbly depend upon God's grace and humbly extend God's grace to others.

Togetherness. Following Jesus is not a solo journey. By following Jesus together, our differences help us follow him better.

Engagement. Following Jesus is a journey of prayerful, intentional community engagement. What matters most is people following Jesus and people learn to follow Jesus through relationships.

Reproducing. Following Jesus is a journey of reproducing gospel communities. We want to see this reproduction happen at every level – from life groups to starting other churches.

Second Sunday of Easter; April 23, 2017

Welcome to our church. If you have children, please pick up a writing board for them and a bulletin so they can draw during the message (there's an idea on the back of the bulletin for their participation). Our service will be about an hour long. We value being together, so our children stay with us during the service.

If you need to leave the main room with a child, you are welcome to go to the east room for some privacy.

We don't "pass the plate" here at LEFC. If you want to give towards the ministry of this church, there is an offering box on the welcome table.

Pastor Tom Starkjohn. Contact info: Cell # 402.297.0672.

Do you get the LEFC Weekly email? This is for regular attenders and it's the way to keep up with our church. Send an email to Pastor Tom at tomstarkjohn@gmail.com and say "sign me up for that email".

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,
a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,
and awesome above all who are around him?

Psalms 89:5-7

**Sing a song of praise to God:
Thine is the Glory Hymn #171**

**Biblical Confession of Faith from
John 19 Responsive Reading found at
number 638**

**A Song reminding us of the Gospel:
The Old Rugged Cross. Hymn #236**

**A Story of a Life Changed by the
Gospel**

A Scripture Memory Song

**Teaching from the Word:
1 Corinthians 11:17-34**

Taking the Lord's Supper Together

A Song of Response: Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins
away,
Slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in
faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings
us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King ”

This week I've put together an abbreviated version of our Life Group notes. Each week groups gather to discuss our four Life-giving practices, which is briefly outlined below:

Life-giving Prayer. How have you remembered to worship God in the everyday stuff of life this week? Spend some time practicing giving God glory, honor, and thanks together. Use the outline below if you need reminders on what this means:

Glory: God, it's amazing that you _____.

Honor: God, I choose (or want or surrender) _____ to you.

Thanks: God, thank you for _____.

Life-giving Truth: Each week we think through the truth and the passage from the teaching on Sunday. We want to have these truths change our thinking so that we believe and practice what we know.

1. What was one thing that you had a question or concern from the teaching on Sunday?
2. What do you think would be missing in your Christian life if we as a church never took the Lord's Supper together?
3. Read through 1 Cor. 11:17-33. Underline or point out all the times the phrase “come together” is used. In light of those words, respond to someone who might say, “I don't need the church to remind me of the Gospel. Every Saturday evening after supper I take a roll and a glass of wine and I read one of the accounts of Jesus's crucifixion in the Gospels and I have my own personal communion with God. I don't need organized church.”
4. Read 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Ephesians 2:11-19, and Galatians 3:28. In light of these verses and 1 Corinthians 11:17-33, what is wrong with someone saying, “Our church is for White Conservatives only. Colored people and liberals can have their own churches. They aren't welcome here”?
5. Cody is anxious about taking the Lord's Supper. He says, “I really do believe Jesus died for my sins and he's my only hope. I want to live for him, and yet I'm messing up every day. And that makes me think I'm a hard-hearted sinner. I don't think my life matches a new life in Christ, and I'm thinking I have no business taking the Lord's Supper.” What are some things that would be good to ask of Cody, and what kind of truths might you use to help Cody understand?
6. What are some things that you could do that would help you ponder the Lord's Supper and examine yourself?

Life-giving Relationships. This is when we pray for each other. The focus of this time is to ask for prayer for us, personally, and not other people or circumstances. So, what is going on inside your heart? What might God be teaching you? How can we pray for you?

Life-giving Impact. We want to be Kingdom Laborers (Matthew 9:37). First, do you have any stories about about how you interacted with people on your Pray & Watch list this week?

Spend some time together praying for your friends and neighbors.