

Bible Study for Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021

Read: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Notes:

On the evening of Maundy Thursday our Lenten observance comes to an end. While Maundy Thursday is a remembrance of Christ's last meal with his disciples, the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal.

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

Formed into the new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world.

Questions to Ponder:

During your teen years, what was dinner time like? Who sat where? What kind of conversations happened at the dinner table?

One reason Paul was writing the Corinthians was because of divisions regarding the purpose of the Lord's meal. What do you see as the purpose of this meal?

What is your mood when partaking in the Lord's meal? Gloomy because this was the "last supper" for Jesus? Thoughtfully pondering over the sacrifice made? Festive because of the joy felt due to Jesus' actions? All of the above?

What differences do you see in communion from when you were confirmed? In your opinion, do any changes add or take away from the experience?

How does vs 26 make you feel? How might "proclaiming death" be a good thing?