

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. If there are newcomers, go around the group and introduce yourselves.

Follow up. Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

Vision. Jesus told us to “Make disciples.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

Bible Study Introduction. Through Moses, God made a “covenant” agreement with the Israelites. God promised He would bless and save them if the people would obey His laws. Many animals were sacrificed showing the seriousness of this covenant agreement. The Israelites failed to keep the laws. But God promised that He would one day make a New Covenant with His people.¹

Pray. Before we read the Scripture, let’s pray that God will speak to each one of us.

Read. We will read through the passage two times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get two people to read **Mark 14:17-26**.

Discuss these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so. Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
 - What does it show about the disciples that each one of them asked, “Am I the one?” when Jesus said that one of them would betray Him?
 - What do you think are some of the emotions the disciples were feeling that night?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - What do you think Jesus meant when He said of the bread He broke, “This is my body?”
 - What do you think Jesus meant when He said that the wine He gave them was His blood, “poured out as a sacrifice for many”?
 - During the first Passover, the first-born in each Jewish home did not die because a lamb had been sacrificed and its blood was on the door posts. How does this relate to Jesus’ death during this Passover?
 - Jesus sang a hymn with His disciples. What does that show how God feels about singing?
 - How would you have felt if you had been there?
 - What is God saying to you today through this passage about the Lord’s Supper?

Obeying Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this:
“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?” [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let’s close in prayer.

Closing Prayer.

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

¹ Jeremiah 31:31