

WnW19 Lessons

WARMTH IN WINTER



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"I want you to be **WOVEN** into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know about God."

Colossians 2:2

LESSON 4: COMMUNION



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A couple of his most important theological thought/faith convictions:

1. "God is great...here and now... and all the time... beyond what we can actually imagine."
2. "If God can love the likes of me, God can love anyone."

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LESSON OVERVIEW

Our communion liturgy contains these words: “By your Spirit make us one with Christ (Single Thread), one with each other (Cord of Three) and one in ministry to the world (Tapestry).” Participation in the broken body and shed blood of Christ is our affirmation to become the “tapestry of love”. We are reminded that each of us are precious in God’s sight – so loved that God would send His only Son to die for us. We are connected by the one Bread that is broken and the one Cup that is shared – and we become friends of Jesus and friends with one another. We are called out into the world for ministry – to serve the brokenness of humanity and the spiritual hunger that exists.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. **WHAT:** During this lesson we will explore communion.
2. **WHY:** Understanding why Jesus asked us to do this act in remembrance of Him will deepen their understanding of the power of community in communion.
3. **HOW:** Teenagers will be encouraged to think through the story of the Bible and connect those stories to the story of Christ’s call to us to be unified.

PRIMARY SCRIPTURE

Mark 14: 17-26

SECONDARY SCRIPTURES

Exodus 12: 1-14

TEACHING PREP

You’ll want to gather supplies as well as access the videos on www.warmthinwinter.com before you start the lesson.

SUPPLIES

pens

paper

bibles

‘Bible in a minute’ video – on www.warmthinwinter.com

THE BEFORE & AFTER [optional]

<http://www.youthworkresource.com/youth-work/ready-to-use-session-plans/exploring-communion/>

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Text Message Questions

We've provided a couple of different text message questions to send out to your teenagers prior to your meeting. Feel free to use one or both of the questions below. As with the rest of the curriculum, edit these questions to fit the needs of your ministry.

- What does communion mean to you? See you at youth group tonight so we can talk about it.
- Why is communion important to the Body of Christ? Come hang out at youth group tonight and we'll figure it out.

2. LESSON GUIDE

GETTING THINGS STARTED(optional)

As you begin your lesson, welcome your teenagers and invite them into your meeting area. Open in prayer, and then SAY SOMETHING LIKE:

On your paper write or draw a timeline of the entire bible up until the ascension of Jesus... are you ready? GO!

Now let's watch this video and see how much you got right!

(The video clip - Bible in a Minute can be found on the WnW Lessons Page on www.warmthinwinter.com)

How did you do?

(Talk through responses and then,...)

SAY: *We're going to look at Communion...but how does that fit in to the story of the Bible?*

On the night before he is betrayed Jesus has a meal with his disciples...and not just any meal... the passover. Let's read about it!

Let's read Exodus 12: 1-14 -

Read Exodus 12: 1-14 together as a group. Consider allowing one or more of the teenagers to read the text.

ASK:

- *What happened at the Passover?*
- *What did the Israelites put on their door-frames? Why?*

SAY: *At the Passover God passed over the Israelites, saving them from suffering the loss of their firstborns. The blood on their door-frames...the blood from the sacrificed lamb saved them from losing their firstborns. A sacrifice saved them from God's wrath*

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and so the Passover was a celebration of that...it was generations remembering their history and God's mercy.

The bible is one big story, Jesus fulfills prophecies in the Old Testament and on the night of His betrayal He eats the Passover meal with His disciples but Jesus gives it a twist! He says that the blood represents his blood and the body his body sacrificed for his disciples. Jesus is the blood on their door-frames saving them from the God's wrath.

ASK:

- Can you see the parallel between the first Passover and the Last Supper?*
- Have you ever thought of it like that before?*

Let's read Mark 14: 17-26-

Read Mark 14: 17-26 together as a group. Consider allowing one or more of the teenagers to read the text.

ASK:

- When you see communion in church what do you think?*
- Who do you think communion is for?*

SAY: *If we look at the Passover it's a celebration, Paul says in 1 Corinthians that Jesus says 'Do this in remembrance of me'. Paul talks about doing not taking communion in an unworthy manner but he doesn't say you have to be baptized. To take communion we just need to have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we don't have to be perfect but we should come before God asking Him to forgive us for the things we've done wrong.*

If we don't wish to take bread and wine we can still use the time to focus on what Jesus did for us!

ASK:

- How do you celebrate your birthdays? Are they good occasions?*

SAY: *A birthday is about remembering a good occasion, celebrating the day you were born, remembering the gift of life that came into the world and so communion should be a celebration remembering Jesus because it's a good thing!*

If Jesus had died and decayed then we would remember the same way we'd remember someone at a funeral but he didn't decay...he rose again and he conquered death and through Him we can live our lives in His presence and live them to the full. So when you see communion remember that it's a celebration. The death and resurrection of Jesus is great news for us so let's act like it is!

SAY: *Our communion liturgy contains these words: "By your Spirit make us one with Christ (Single Thread), one with each other (Cord of Three) and one in ministry to the*

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COMMUNION:(optional activity) If you have access to bread and juice you can share communion with each other. If you are not able to consecrate the bread and juice, ask your church pastor to join the group and lead the celebration.

(A suggestion: Play the video “Come to the Table” on the WnW Lesson Page on www.warmthinwinter.com while communion is being served.)

CLOSE WITH PRAYER: Close with a prayer of your own or ask a teenager to pray.