

For week of March 26 to April 1

## Tasting and Seeing #4: The Lord's Supper

### Getting Started

When you find out it will be communion Sabbath, does this please you/make you want to skip church/have no effect at all/(something else)?

What is the most memorable communion service you ever participated in at an Adventist Church? What made it memorable?

Read the Text Together: **Matthew 26:17-30**

### Discussion

What is the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and what does it mean to "eat the Passover"? (see **Exodus 12:1-20**) What were the people to do on the night of the original Passover? (see **Exodus 12:21-30**)

In **v. 17-19**, Jesus sends His disciples into town to make preparations for the Passover. What preparations were they making? What food was included in the Feast? (Optional: How does the **Exodus** version of the meal compare with a modern Jewish Passover Seder?)

Read **v. 20-25** again. Describe the scene. How do you think the disciples feel about what Jesus says? How do you think Judas feels? How do you think Jesus feels? What is the significance of Jesus comments in **v. 23 & 24**?

What are the elements of the Passover meal that Jesus repurposes in the creation of what we today call "The Lord's Supper"? What does each of the emblems represent? What do His words mean in a practical way? (see **John 6:25-71**) What part of the Passover meal is missing? Why?

What does Jesus mean when he says "*This is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins*"?

### Wrap Up

What would make the celebration of the Lord's Supper more meaningful for you? What part of this is the responsibility of the church, and what part is your own responsibility?

This Sabbath is communion. To make it a more powerful experience:

- What must I change?
- What decision must I make?
- What action must I take?