

Gospel of Mark
Communion: Before, Then, and Now
For the week of **April 2, 2017**

Apply today's message throughout the week by utilizing this Growth Guide individually, with your family, or in your group.

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GOAL: This week we focus on communion and its significance both in the past and the present.

GET GOING:

1. What was your experience, if anything, with communion growing up? What's your perception of it now?
2. If you could sum up the message in one sentence, what would it be?
3. Turn back to 1 Corinthians 11:26. In light of Pastor Ed's message, why do you think we would want to proclaim the Lord's death until He returns?

BONUS THOUGHT:

Before Jesus instituted communion at the Last Supper, it used to be an annual celebration of Passover, when God delivered the Israelites out of bondage in Egypt. Now, when we take communion we celebrate Jesus delivering us from our sins.

KEEP GROWING

4. Read Mark 14:12-21. This passage leads up to the Passover meal Jesus shares with His disciples.

- Verse 12 mentions the sacrifice of the Passover lamb. As Jesus brings new meaning to the Passover meal, in what ways is Jesus like the Passover lamb?
- Even though Jesus knows one of His disciples will betray Him (v. 18), He still shares this intimate time with them. What does this tell you about Jesus' character?

5. Communion is a time to reflect on what God has done for each of us and to celebrate that in community. What can you do this week to show thanks for what God has done in your life? How can you share that with the people around you?

BONUS CHALLENGE:

Easter Invites

As Easter quickly approaches, take home some Easter invites to give to your friends, family, and neighbors. Invite them to any of our special Good Friday and Easter services, or send out an invite text using www.highpoint.church/easter.

