

SERMON SERIES: The Final Chapters
SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:7-22
SPEAKER: Mike Woodruff & Campus Pastors
DATE: February 4-5, 2017

Small Group Discussion Guide

for leaders (see below for participants' guide)

Gathering Time

- Make sure newcomers are welcomed and engaged in conversation
- Offer a snack and drink if the setting is right (i.e. a home)
- Arrange seating so everyone in the group can see each other

Getting Acquainted

- **What is one takeaway from your last small group meeting? How are you doing putting it into practice in your life?**
 - As routine opener to group meetings, this question encourages individuals to apply your discussions in their lives. It also brings continuity & intentionality from meeting to meeting.
- **What is a tradition you are fond of, and why is it special to you?**
 - This question sets the stage for the Bible Exploration and helps people get to know one another on a personal level.

Bible Exploration

- **Read Luke 22:7-22 as a group and reflect on the institution of the Lord's Supper. What statements stand out and why? Are there things you don't understand? Discuss.**
- **This week's sermon included a demonstration of the Jewish Passover meal, or Seder meal. What did you learn from this demonstration?**
- **Does the connection between Communion and Passover change the way you think about the Lord's Supper?**
- **How often are you reflecting on Jesus' death for you personally? How might greater reflection impact your spiritual life?**
- **Is there anything you want to change about how you participate with The Lord's Table? Explain.**

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Prayer

- Invite the group to participate in a time of “conversational” prayer. Each person may pray as often as he or she wants, but only 1-2 short sentences on one topic at a time. This lowers the barrier of participation for people unaccustomed to praying with others.

Wrap-Up

- Be sure to end the formal conversation on time.
- Thank newcomers for joining you, and invite everyone to the next meeting.
- Encourage people to linger for a few minutes, and do your best to have a personal interaction with each individual before he or she leaves.

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