



Scotts Hill Baptist Church

CHURCH QUESTIONS • WHY DO WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER? •
LUKE 22:14-20 • 8/9/2026

MAIN POINT

The Lord's Supper is a gift from Christ that helps His church remember His sacrifice, proclaim the gospel, examine our hearts, and celebrate our unity as His people until He returns.

INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

What is a meal or food tradition that carries special meaning for you or your family? Why?

Why do you think people place such importance on remembering significant events and experiences?

When you think about the Lord's Supper, what do you think it is meant to accomplish?

The Lord's Supper is more than a ritual or a meal we occasionally participate in at church. Jesus gave it to His church as a tangible way to remember His sacrifice, proclaim the gospel, examine ourselves, and celebrate our unity in Christ. When we participate in the Lord's Supper, we look backward at the cross, inward at our own hearts, outward toward the body of Christ, and forward to the return of Jesus.

UNDERSTANDING

Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic.

| HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26.

What does Paul say the Lord's Supper is meant to help us remember?

Why do you think Jesus chose bread and the cup as tangible reminders of His sacrifice?

Paul reminds the Corinthians that the Lord's Supper was given by Jesus Himself. The bread points us to Christ's body given for us, and the cup points us to His blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins. When the church participates in the Supper, we remember the heart of the gospel: Jesus willingly gave Himself so that sinners could be reconciled to God.

How does regularly remembering Christ's sacrifice guard us from taking the gospel for granted?

What does it mean to "proclaim the Lord's death" whenever we participate in the Supper?

| HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ 1 CORINTHIANS 11:27-32.

What does Paul mean when he tells believers to examine themselves before participating in the Lord's Supper?

Why is self-examination important before taking the Lord's Supper?

Paul warns the Corinthians against participating in the Supper in an unworthy manner. The issue was not that believers needed to become worthy enough to approach Christ—none of us could ever accomplish that. Instead, Paul was confronting their sinful attitudes and divisions as they gathered together. The Supper calls us to honestly examine our hearts, repent of sin, and approach Christ with humility.

What kinds of attitudes or behaviors might keep us from participating in the Supper rightly?

How can the Lord's Supper become an opportunity for repentance rather than merely a religious routine?

| HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ 1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17.

What does Paul say the bread and cup communicate about our relationship with Christ?

What does the Lord's Supper communicate about our relationship with one another?

The Lord's Supper is both personal and corporate. As we remember Christ's sacrifice, we also remember that everyone who belongs to Christ belongs to His body. We do not come to the table as isolated Christians but as one church united by the same Savior and the same gospel.

How should participating in the Lord's Supper affect the way we treat other believers?

Are there relationships within the church where you need to pursue reconciliation or greater unity?

The Lord's Supper also points us forward. Jesus promised that He would one day return, and the Supper reminds us that we are waiting for that day. Every celebration is therefore an act of hope: Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again.

How should the promise of Christ's return affect the way we participate in the Lord's Supper?

APPLICATION

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

Which aspect of the Lord's Supper do you most need to remember: Christ's sacrifice, personal repentance, unity with the church, or Christ's return? Why?

How can you prepare your heart more intentionally before participating in the Lord's Supper?

Is there any sin you need to confess or repent of as you approach Christ?

Are there any relationships in the church where you need to pursue forgiveness or reconciliation?

How can you allow the Lord's Supper to deepen your gratitude for the gospel rather than becoming something you participate in out of routine?

What would it look like for you to leave the Lord's Supper more committed to proclaiming Christ until He returns?

PRAYER

Close in prayer, thanking Jesus for willingly giving His body and shedding His blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Thank Him for giving His church the Lord's Supper as a tangible reminder of the gospel. Ask God to help us approach the table with humility, repentance, gratitude, and faith. Pray for greater unity within the church and that the Lord's Supper would continually remind us that Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again.

COMMENTARY

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

Paul reminds the Corinthian church of Jesus' instructions concerning the Lord's Supper. The bread and cup point believers toward Christ's sacrificial death, and participating in the Supper publicly proclaims the gospel. The Supper looks backward to the cross while also looking forward to Christ's promised return.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:27-32

Paul warns believers against taking the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner. This does not mean that a person must achieve personal perfection before approaching the table. Rather, believers should examine themselves honestly, repent of known sin, and approach the Supper with humility and faith. The Corinthian church's divisions and selfishness demonstrated a failure to recognize the seriousness of what they were doing.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17

The Lord's Supper expresses both communion with Christ and unity among His people. The one bread symbolizes the fact that believers, though many individuals, are one body in Christ. The Supper therefore calls the church toward reconciliation, love, and genuine fellowship.

THE LORD'S SUPPER AS HOPE

Every time the church celebrates the Lord's Supper, it remembers that Christ has already accomplished our redemption and looks forward to the day when He will return. The table

is therefore both a remembrance of what Christ has done and a declaration of hope in what Christ will do.