



# Message Notes & Discussion Guide

## MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE THE TABLE OF THE LORD JESUS

### **A TABLE FOR TWO**

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- Communion always involves a “Table for Two.”
- \_\_\_\_\_ the essence of the relationship.

1 Corinthians 11:25-26

**We do something \_\_\_\_\_ because it expresses an \_\_\_\_\_ reality!**

That inward reality is:

A remembrance of Christ’s death in the past  
An awareness of His presence in our lives now  
An anticipation of His coming again!

- \_\_\_\_\_ on the condition of the relationship

1 Corinthians 11:23-24, 27-30

**Note: His body given for you**

Isaiah 53:4-5 - Matthew 8:16-17 - 1 Peter 2:24

**Note the need for: Self-examination**

Examining yourself is certainly not the same as condemning yourself.

### **A TABLE FOR ALL**

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- Communion also always involves “a table for all.”

The Lord’s Table for \_\_\_\_\_ is not saying the Lord’s Table is for \_\_\_\_\_.

John 1:12-13 - Romans 10:9-10

We must recognize the Church Universal is comprised of every truly born-again person on earth and in heaven.

Revelation 5:9 - 1 Corinthians 12:27

**Note: The need for unity and walking in love toward one another.**

1 Corinthians 11:17 - Matthew 5:23-24 - James 5:16 - 1 Peter 3:7

## **A TABLE OF THANKSGIVING**

- Communion always involves “a table of thanksgiving”
- Come as you Are
- Come repenting
- Come to be filled

## **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. What has been your most unforgettable positive communion experience? Share why?
2. What has been your most disappointing communion experience? Why?
3. Pastor Rich suggested that “all” does not mean “everyone” regarding who may come to the Lord’s Table; Do you agree or disagree? Who may come to the Supper?
4. Earnest Christians may ask: How ought I to prepare my heart for the Lord’s Supper? Do I just need to feel bad about my sin? Or is there something more concrete that might guide my thoughts? (One concrete method is using questions derived from the Ten Commandments, which can help us search our heart for idols, pockets of sin, and other issues of life that may hinder our walk with God. For a detailed list, email Pastor Rich at [rpeter@bvchurch.org](mailto:rpeter@bvchurch.org)).