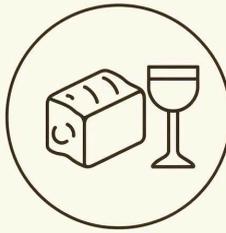


Baptism



Lord's Supper



Membership

Church distinctives - The Lord's Supper

Before we get into the study - has the Lord's Supper been a significant part of your Christian life? How have you thought about it in the past?

It will be useful to have 1 Corinthians 10-11 open in front of you.

In the sermon we suggested four things that are happening when we take the Supper together:

- We are remembering Christ and his cross
- We are participating in Christ and all his benefits
- We are recognising the Body of Christ, the church
- We are proclaiming Christ's death until he comes

Do you instinctively find one or more of these easier to understand or remember or accept? Why do you think that is?

What are we particularly encouraged to **remember** in 1 Cor 11:23-25?

If people want background on the new covenant, check Jeremiah 31:31-34.

How does the Lord's Supper help us to remember that Christ died *for us*?

How do Paul's analogies with Israel's sacrifices and with pagan feasts help us to understand what it means to **participate** in Christ's body and blood in 1 Cor 10:16-22?

Why do you think Paul gives such dire warnings against eating and drinking without **recognising** the Body of Christ in 1 Cor 11:27-32?

How might we make the communal nature of the Supper more evident?
Do you think our individualistic culture makes this hard for us?

How does the Lord's Supper **proclaim** Christ's death?

Why do you think Paul stresses that the Supper is only 'until he comes'?
What does that tell us about the Supper?

Have your views of the Lord's Supper changed at all as you've considered these verses from 1 Corinthians? If so, how?