

*This midweek study will explore the importance of the Lord's Supper. Use the following main points, Scriptures, teaching/discussion ideas, and questions to help students gain a better understanding of the essential doctrine for this session.*

### Essential Doctrine: Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer, and anticipate His second coming (1 Cor. 11:26).

### 1 The Lord's Supper is an act of corporate obedience (1 Cor. 11:20,24).

- ▶ *What are some events or things (besides family events) that bring lots of people together? (You can suggest concerts or sporting events).*
- ▶ *When people come together for these events, what kind of rituals do they do together (even if they don't call these actions rituals)? (You could suggest things like the wave or holding up lit lighters or cell phones).*
- ▶ *For what kinds of things do Christians gather together?*

#### Read 1 Corinthians 11:20,24.

- ▶ *According to the text, why should the Corinthians have come together?*
- ▶ *Why was Paul upset with the way the Corinthians came together? What were they doing wrong?*
- ▶ *How is the Lord's supper supposed to be taken? Alone or together with other Christians? Why do you think that is?*
- ▶ *Look at verses 24 and 25. Is the Lord's Supper mandatory or optional?*

### 2 The Lord's Supper memorializes Jesus' death (1 Cor. 11:24-25).

- ▶ *What are some of your favorite souvenirs? What makes them your favorites?*

#### Read 1 Corinthians 11:24-25.

- ▶ *What reason did Jesus give for why we participate in the Lord's Supper?*
- ▶ *What did Jesus mean when He said His body is for us? In what sense did He give His body for us?*
- ▶ *What did Jesus say the cup symbolized? (He said His blood establishes the new covenant.) In what sense did Jesus' blood establish the new covenant?*
- ▶ *What historical meal were Jesus and His apostles celebrating at the first Lord's Supper? What happened at the Passover?*
- ▶ *In what sense is Jesus the ultimate Passover Lamb?*
- ▶ *How does celebrating the Lord's Supper help us remember the sacrifice of our Passover Lamb?*

### 3 The Lord's Supper anticipates Jesus' return (1 Cor. 11:26).

Instruct students to search trailers for upcoming movies on their phones or (if you have them) computers. Ask them to find what they think is the coolest trailer.

- ▶ *What makes this trailer so cool? Do you want to see this movie? Why?*
- ▶ *What is the purpose of a movie trailer?*

#### Read 1 Corinthians 11:26.

- ▶ *How long should Christians continue the ordinance of the Lord's Supper?*
- ▶ *Why do you think Paul said to continue until Jesus comes? Why would we stop taking the Lord's Supper when Jesus returns?*
- ▶ *Is the Lord's Supper very filling for physical hunger?*
- ▶ *What even better meal does the Lord's Supper point to? When does that meal happen?*
- ▶ *Why would we no longer need the Lord's Supper when Jesus returns and we experience the "marriage feast of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:9)?*
- ▶ *In what sense is the Lord's Supper a "trailer" for Jesus' return? Would you still watch a trailer when you own the movie?*

### WRAP IT UP

- ▶ *Imagine your aunt or uncle, who is a Christian, says, "I don't really need to take the Lord's Supper. It's just eating a piece of bread and drinking some juice." How would you respond to him or her?*