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Communion Reminds Us of Jesus' Sacrifice

Read: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Reflection Questions

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 describes the Lord's Supper as a way to remember Jesus' sacrifice. How can regularly remembering what Jesus did for you on the cross shape the way you think, act, and make decisions in your daily life?

This passage says that when we take communion, we "proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." What does it mean for your life to "proclaim" Jesus' sacrifice even outside of church, in places like school, home, or with friends?

Memory Verse:
26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
1 Corinthians 11:26

Action Step:
This week, set aside a few minutes to intentionally reflect on Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Write down one specific way His love should influence how you live today (such as forgiveness, gratitude, or obedience), and then put that into practice in one real-life situation each day.

Daily Prayer:
Lord Jesus, thank You for giving Your body and blood for us so that we could be forgiven and made new. Help us to never forget Your sacrifice and to live in a way that honors what You have done. Give us grateful hearts and lives that reflect Your love to others each day. Teach us to remember You in all we do until You come again. In Your name we pray, amen.

Baptism Reminds Us of New Life in Christ

Read: Romans 6:3-4

Reflection Questions

Romans 6:3–4 teaches that through baptism, believers are united with Christ in His death and resurrection and are called to live a new life. What are some old habits or patterns in your life that you feel God is calling you to "leave behind," and what would living a "new life" in Christ look like in those areas?

This passage says we are raised to walk in "newness of life." How can remembering that you are spiritually "new" in Christ influence the way you approach challenges, temptations, or identity in your daily life?

Memory Verse:
4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
Romans 6:4

Action Step:
This week, each time you face a familiar temptation or negative habit, pause and remind yourself: "I am new in Christ—I don't have to live like I used to." Then choose one concrete action that reflects your new life (obedience, forgiveness, self-control, or truth) instead of your old pattern.

Daily Prayer
Lord God, thank You that through Jesus we have died to our old way of life and have been raised to walk in newness of life. Help us to live each day as people who belong to Christ, leaving behind what is sinful and choosing what is good. Strengthen us when we are tempted, and remind us of who we are in You. Shape us to reflect Your Son more and more. In Jesus' name, amen.

Baptism Is A Public Declaration Of Faith

Read:Matthew 10:32

Reflection Questions

Matthew 10:32 says that Jesus will acknowledge those who acknowledge Him before others. What are some situations in your school, friendships, or online life where it can be difficult to openly identify as a follower of Jesus, and how might you respond differently in those moments?

This verse connects openly confessing Jesus with being recognized by Him. What does it look like in practical terms for you to “acknowledge” Jesus in your everyday conversations, decisions, and behavior?

Memory Verse:
“So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,”
Matthew 10:32

Action Step:
This week, intentionally look for one opportunity each day to acknowledge Jesus in a natural way—this could be through honest words, kind actions, or mentioning your faith. Before each day, pray for courage to represent Him clearly and respectfully.

Daily Prayer:
Lord Jesus, thank You for promising to acknowledge those who acknowledge You. Give us courage to follow You openly and faithfully in every part of our lives. Help us not to be ashamed of You, but to live in a way that points others to Your truth and love. Strengthen us when we feel afraid or uncertain, and help us to honor You in all we do. In Your name we pray, amen.

Communion Develops Spiritual Reflection

Read: 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Reflection Questions

1 Corinthians 11:27–29 warns believers to examine themselves before taking communion. Why do you think self-examination is important in your daily walk with God, not just during communion, and what might that look like in practice?

This passage emphasizes taking the Lord's Supper in a worthy and thoughtful way. How can approaching God with seriousness and respect influence the way you treat your faith, your worship, and your everyday decisions?

Memory Verse:
“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”
Psalm 139:23-24

Action Step:

This week, set aside a few minutes each day to do a simple “heart check” before God. Ask Him to reveal anything in your life that needs repentance, forgiveness, or change. Then take one concrete step to respond—such as confessing a sin, making something right with someone, or choosing obedience in a specific area.

Daily Prayer:

Lord God, thank You for inviting us to come to You through Jesus Christ. Help us to examine our hearts honestly and to approach You with reverence and humility. Show us anything in our lives that needs to change, and give us the courage to turn from it. Teach us to honor You in how we live, worship, and follow You each day. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Baptism Calls Us To Holiness

Read: 1 Peter 1:15-16

Reflection Questions

1 Peter 1:15–16 calls believers to be holy in all they do, because God is holy. What does "being holy" look like in practical terms for you as a student in your everyday life (school, friendships, online activity, etc.)?

This passage connects God's character (His holiness) to how His people should live. How might your choices change if you regularly remembered that God calls you to reflect His character in everything you do?

Memory Verse:
15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”
1 Peter 1:15–16

Action Step:
This week, each morning choose one area of your life (words, thoughts, actions, or relationships) and intentionally ask God: “Help me reflect Your holiness today.” Then, when faced with a decision in that area, pause and choose the option that best honors God, even if it’s harder or less popular.

Daily Prayer:
Lord God, You are holy and perfect in all Your ways. Thank You for calling us to belong to You and to live in a way that reflects who You are. Help us to be holy in our thoughts, words, and actions each day. When we are tempted to compromise, give us strength to choose what honors You. Shape our lives so they point others to Your goodness and truth. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Communion Calls Us To Love Others

Read: John 13:34-35

Reflection Questions

John 13:34–35 says that Jesus gives a new command: to love one another as He has loved us. What are some practical ways you can show this kind of sacrificial love to people in your school, family, or friend group this week?

Jesus says that people will recognize His disciples by their love for one another. How might your actions or attitudes influence how others view Jesus, and what changes could you make to better reflect His love in your daily life?

Memory Verse:

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:34–35

Action Step:

This week, intentionally choose one person each day to show Christlike love to—through encouragement, patience, forgiveness, or a small act of service. Before acting, pause and ask: “How can I love this person the way Jesus loves me?”

Daily Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for loving us with a perfect and sacrificial love. Help us to love others the way You have loved us—patiently, kindly, and selflessly. Teach us to see people through Your eyes and to act in ways that reflect Your heart. May our love for one another point others to You. In Your name we pray, amen.

The Ordinances Call Us To Live Transformed Lives

Read: Romans 12:1-2

Reflection Questions

Romans 12:1–2 calls believers to offer their lives as living sacrifices and not conform to the patterns of this world. What are some "patterns of this world" (ideas, habits, pressures) that you notice in your school or culture, and how can you resist them in a practical way?

This passage says we are transformed by the renewing of our minds. What are some habits (like media, friendships, or thoughts) that influence your mind most, and how can you intentionally renew your thinking through God's Word this week?

Memory Verse:

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
Romans 12:2

Action Step:

This week, choose one daily habit that shapes your thinking (such as social media, music, or screen time) and intentionally replace a portion of it with time in Scripture or prayer. Each day, ask God: "Renew my mind so I can think and live like You."

Daily Prayer:

Lord God, thank You for calling us to live lives that honor You. Help us to offer ourselves fully to You as living sacrifices, and not to be shaped by the world around us. Renew our minds through Your Word and Your Spirit so that we can discern what is good, pleasing, and perfect in Your sight. Transform us to reflect Jesus in all we do. In His name we pray, amen.

To wrap it up, remember:

- **Remember what Jesus has done**
- **Strengthen your faith**
- **Live transformed every day**
- **Let the ordinances shape your life**