

KINGDOM

the gospel of mark

Week 13 | Kingdom: The Gospel of Mark | March 29, 2015

Opening Up:

- What is your favorite traditional meal or traditional dish? What makes it your favorite?
- Do you have a family tradition that you have started for your family? What family traditions do you want to establish? What traditions do you want to end? What traditions do you want to be generational?

Read (or reference): Mark 14:12-25

Discuss:

1. Read Exodus 12:3-6,14. This passage helps to understand the meaning of the Passover and the the meaning of the Last Supper. That meaning being that God liberates. How is your faith affected by seeing God weave history together towards his ultimate purpose of liberating sinners from sin and sin's effects?
2. How does taking communion weekly help us to recognize our need and our worth? What do you need to hear the most: "I am in need" or "I am worthy?" Why?
3. What do we learn about the church by witnessing Jesus' betrayal by one of the 12 (his closest companions)?
4. What do we learn about the church when we witness the mass denial of Jesus around the events of the cross? What do we learn about Jesus? Jesus knows about his betrayal and denial are inevitable and yet he goes to the cross. How do you explain that?
5. Which of the 4 promises of Exodus 6:6-7 do you need to hear?
6. Explain what Jesus taught us about breaking the bread and drinking the wine. Have you ever been moved by taking the Lord's Supper? What moved you?
7. How this true: "All life-changing love is self-sacrificing love?" Why does love cost you something? Why do we pay that price? Why did Jesus pay that price?
8. Knowing God's love and experiencing His love are different realities. Explain why this is true.
9. Why does God's love come packaged together with God's wrath?
10. Is Keller right when he says, "Your conception of God's love—and your value in his sight—will only be as big as your understanding of his wrath?" How is Keller right or wrong?
11. Pray.