

Why do we Gather? – Pastor Ray Harms-Wiebe – Matthew 26:1-29

NOTE FROM PASTOR JONATHAN

We're right around the corner from Easter. If you know people who aren't Christian and/or aren't involved in a church, please invite them to join our Easter celebration.

I want to make a quick clarification and apology! In last week's question about going to lunch with an elder. I had mentioned that happened years ago, but accidentally edited that out. Elder Paul pointed out that it sounded like the story was about one of our elders. I fixed my mistake and re-uploaded the notes, so hopefully, most of you got the corrected version!

QUESTION OVERVIEW

Please select any questions you feel will help your group dig deeper into God's Word.

Check out my Notes and Commentary (<https://willingdon.org/lifegroups/leaders-corner>)

Let's Warm Up: Questions to break the ice.

1. Do you, your family, or your friend group have a special meal tradition? Why is it meaningful?
2. What's the most awkward or surprising thing that's happened during a meal?
3. What big sacrifices in history, fiction, or your life inspire you?

Let's Get Started: Questions to start thinking about the main themes.

4. What's the difference between how the world values giving and how God values giving?
5. How do you feel about others sacrificing for you?

Let's Dig In: Questions to discuss the passage and how we can respond.

6. What stands out about the woman anointing Jesus?
7. What do the woman's actions indicate about her feelings toward Jesus?
8. Pastor Ray said, "Are we susceptible to missing what is most important? God gives us windows of opportunity to know Him – to worship Him – to glorify Him by serving others, giving generously, sharing the gospel, caring for the "least of these.""
What causes us to miss out?
9. What do you think was going through the disciples' minds when they heard about the betrayal?
10. Pastor Ray said, "To remember is to remember what Jesus has done, but it is not *just* to bring to memory. To take in his body, to identify with him fully, and to identify with his body, the church family. It is to say, "Thank you, Jesus. I am all yours.""
How can we move from only acknowledging facts to identifying with Jesus and His church?
11. What does Jesus accomplish by sacrificing Himself?
12. What sins have been forgiven because of Jesus' death on the cross?
13. What part of our future feasting with Jesus are you excited about?