

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

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The Mission of the Church - Lesson 8: Worship (Part 5)

Why Should We Break Bread?

We continue looking at the concept of **Worship** in scripture as part of our ongoing series on the Mission of the Church. We've been considering a number of questions related to the worship, and the last two weeks have been focused on specific acts of worship. Today we will focus on the Lord's supper as the centerpiece of our corporate gatherings.

In **Acts 2:42**, Luke tells us that those first Christians were devoted to four things. Among these four is "the breaking of bread..." The phrase "breaking bread" is used in scripture to mean either an ordinary meal:

Acts 2:46 (ESV) - And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts

Or the weekly observance of the Lord's Supper by the church, as in Troas:

Acts 20:7 (ESV) - On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.

In **Acts 2:42**, the phrase "breaking of bread" most likely means these Christians were devoted to the observance of the Lord's supper as established by Jesus in the upper room with his disciples:

Matthew 26:26-28 (ESV) - Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." 27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

This memorial is the centerpiece of our corporate worship to God since it represents the **reason** why we are gathered together for worship. The "breaking of bread" was established for:

P_____: It provides us with an opportunity to enjoy fellowship (figuratively speaking) with the body and blood of Christ.

BE
joyful
IN HOPE.
patient
IN
AFFLICTION.
faithful
IN
PRAYER.

ROMANS 12:12

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me,
bless His holy name!"*

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I said, God, I hurt!
And God said, I know.
I said, God, I cry a lot
And God said, That is why I
gave you tears.
I said, God, Life is so hard!
And God said, that is why I
gave you loved ones.
I said, God, my loved one
died
And God said, so did mine.
I said, God, it hurts.
And God said, I know.

1 Corinthians 10:16 (ESV) - *The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?*

R_____ : It provides us with an opportunity to remember what God did for us through the sacrifice of his son Jesus.

1 Corinthians 11:23-25 (ESV) - *For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

P_____ : It provides us with an opportunity to declare to others our belief in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:26 (ESV) - *For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

E_____ : It provides us with an opportunity to examine our lives against the perfect life that Jesus lived on this earth and see where we fall short.

1 Corinthians 11:27-28 (ESV) - *Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.*

The dedication of these first Christians to the observation of the Lord's Supper shows that they were not just committed to fellowship for the purpose of simply enjoying each other's company, but also for the worship of the almighty creator and author of their salvation!

PRAYER LIST

- **Judy Cook** has been moved to physical therapy and is doing well
- We rejoice with **Kristine Garrett** as her lab results continue to look good
- **Mike Smith** is recovering from heart surgery
- Elizabeth's grandmother **Carol Saling** has cancer
- **Bill Gillock** is still dealing with Parkinson's and the effects of a stroke
- **Maria Hunter Harrington** has breast cancer
- **Forshia Pennington** has cancer. **Vicki Reed** has been diagnosed with Myeloma as well
- **Donna Rawls Head** has cancer
- Continue to pray for: those in **Ukraine**; the **Brown** family, **Kim Waller**, **Delores Coleman**, the **Krantz** family, **John Hayes**, **Nick Phifer**, **Gaynell Walker**, **Rosemary Douglas**, **Isabel Johnson**, and **Jim Sims**

SERVING TODAY (November 13, 2022)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Read: C. Baker
Prayer: L. Gregory

WORSHIP

Read: R. Mayo
Wait On Table: E. Walker
Serve: J. Buchanan, J. Demonbreun
Prayer: D. Billingsley