

## The Challenge

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

– *Philippians 4:8*

## Our Focus

- Jesus in us (*1 Corinthians 6:17*)
- Jesus through us (*Colossians 3:12-14*)
- Jesus with us (*Matthew 28:20*)

## What's right with the world?

Jesus paid the price for sin  
so that I can be forgiven and set free.

## John 15:9-17

<sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

## Dinner with the King

- A humble host (v. 9)
- A sobering cost (v. 13)
- A surprising guest list (vs. 14-15)
- A table of grace (vs. 16)
- A pre-meal request (vs. 17)

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## No Ordinary Meal

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." - *Matthew 26:26-28*

## Table Manners

Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. - *1 Corinthians 11:27-29*

## Next Steps

- Come and join us for Communion this weekend
- Join us for "Dinner and a Movie" this Monday at Alpha; 6:00-8:00 PM

## On your way home:

Take special notice of the fall colors on your way home. What does the change of seasons teach you about God's character?

### Small Group Discussion Questions



- 1) Have you ever been the guest of honor at a meal? How did you prepare?
- 2) Are there any parts of Communion that you don't understand? Talk about those questions within your group.
- 3) How do you prepare your heart for Communion?
- 4) What does it mean to know that God has called you his friend? Does it change the way you view Jesus?
- 5) Think about Communion. How does Communion show you what is right with the world?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?