

## Home group Notes – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

### **Matthew 26:17-30 - Taste**

Ice Breaker

When have you had a memorable meal? When has food been part of a significant celebration or occasion for you?

Read Matthew 26:17-30

Jesus institutes the Lord's supper. Can you remember when you first received communion? What were the circumstances for you? What was significant at the time? How much did you understand of what was happening?

How much do you think the disciples understood about the significance of Jesus words from our passage?

What do you know about the symbolism of the Passover meal? How many connections have you made between Passover and what Jesus has done on the cross?

Read John 6:30-36

How does this help us understand what Jesus is offering in v26?

Read Jeremiah 31:31-34

How does this help us understand the covenant Jesus is declaring with the cup?

(From Sunday Andy highlighted that this covenant is Purifying, Personal & Permanent)

Why do you think Jesus asks us to remember him with something to taste and eat?

How has this helped expand your understanding of communion? Or reminded you of something you'd forgotten?

Communion was originally more likely to be shared in homes as part of a meal – how do you think this would change the nature of the celebration?

On Sunday Andy emphasised the nature of communion to look back at what Jesus has done, be strengthened for the journey now, and look forward to Jesus coming again and the wedding banquet of Revelation 19. You might like to share communion as a group where you can remember and worship Jesus for what he has done, pray for one another for strength for the journey and look ahead to Jesus' return.