

NEXT STEPS Series “A Meal with Jesus” Message title: “Meals as Enacted Salvation” **2/1/26**
Next Steps are designed to be used in your small group settings. Need a group? Let us help!
The scripture lesson is found in Luke 22:7-20. It is not printed here due to length.
Please read the entire passage prior to completing this Next Steps.

We have three weeks left in the season of Epiphany. Our focus in this season is growth. What new thing have you learned about God/Jesus/yourself/others in this season? Any real “epiphany” moments? Has the light bulb come on? Have you seen something that you have never seen before or maybe you just understand something better? Share your thoughts with you small group. Don’t have a group? Let’s talk!

Read Exodus 12:1-14. Reflect on the original Passover when God delivered the Hebrew slaves from Egypt after hundreds of years of bondage. In what ways do you see this story pointing to the finished work of Jesus?

Read Luke 22:7-20. Imagine what these disciples must have thought as Jesus changed (and fulfilled) the meaning of the Passover meal. Have you ever experienced God doing something unexpected and a little troubling, but later on things became clear and you were in awe of His wisdom and works?

Jesus taught about salvation at the Table in the Upper Room. He was ushering in the new structure (Kingdom). We are called to continue with the mission that he started. The Kingdom looks a lot like the life and teaching of Jesus. What is our congregation’s mission statement? (it is printed at the bottom of this page) Does our mission statement act as a appropriate guide to continuing the ministry of Jesus? How so?

Our tables should be places where people discover God’s salvation (forgiveness, life, identity, meaning). What might this look like having a meal with your family? How would it be different with friends? How about if they were fairly new acquaintances? Is it easier to have those moments and discussions with people that are you know really well? What blessings can God bring you and your guests around the table? Who are you going to invite to your table? When?

We have two more messages in this season before moving into the season of Lent. Who deserves to join you on this journey? When will you ask?
Remember, we have gathered in worship; now it is time to go and be the church.

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