Luke places this meal at the heart of Israel's Passover celebration, when Jewish families remembered God's rescue from slavery in Egypt. Jerusalem is crowded with pilgrims, and opposition to Jesus has reached a dangerous climax. At the table, Jesus takes familiar bread and wine and gives them fresh significance: his approaching death will establish the promised new covenant. Israel's story of liberation is reaching its decisive moment through him. Yet the disciples are still arguing about status. Jesus answers by redefining greatness through service. This is the setting for Christian discipleship: a community gathered around its servant Lord, learning to embody his kingdom through shared life, faithful commitment and practical love, even when the road leads through suffering and uncertainty.

What makes a meal together special? The food, the place, the people, the discussion?

Read Luke 22:7–29 together

1. Luke 22:7–13. What preparations did Peter and John make? What practical changes would help you make regular space for Jesus with others?

2. Luke 22:14–15. What might Jesus' desire to share this meal tell us about being together around his table?

3. Jesus longed to share this significant moment with his disciples. What is the difference between meeting regularly as a connect group and intentionally helping one another become more like Jesus?

4. In v16-18 there is another cup. The Passover meal involved four cups of wine at different stages. Jesus looks beyond his coming suffering to the fulfilment of God's kingdom. How could that promised future shape the way we welcome people, share what we have and face difficulties today? Revelation 19:6–9

5. Luke 22:19-20. What does the broken bread and covenant wine teach us about Jesus' love and sacrifice, that changes the way we walk alongside others?

6. Luke 22:21–23. Betrayal is present at the very table where Jesus offers himself. How does being more intimate help one another face our failures honestly and turn towards Jesus?

7. Luke 22:24. While Jesus speaks about giving his life, the disciples argue about their importance. Where do we recognise something of ourselves in their conversation?

8. Luke 22:25–26 How does Jesus challenge familiar ideas about power and importance?

9. Luke 22:28–29 Jesus recognises that his disciples have stayed with him through his trials. Do you think suffering is a necessity to become more like Jesus?

10. How can we support one another when enthusiasm fades or relationships become difficult? Galatians 6:9–10.

11. Reflecting upon the passage, how could regularly sharing a meal help us learn to follow Jesus together more deeply?

Prayer Points

Pray for the preparation, planning and volunteers as we lead up to Christmas events. Pray for people to be blessed in the service and for the message of gospel to reach open hearts.

Pray that victims of abuse will have the courage to speak out, report the abuse and seek help from the domestic violence shelter run by Justice Livelihoods Health (JLH) and Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity. Pray that they will receive protection, counselling and legal and psychosocial support

Sermon Notes

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From the Street to the Table

'The Table'

Luke 22:7-29

Jesus calls His followers to "make disciples" and to teach them to obey everything He has commanded (Matthew 28:19–20). Where do you start with someone who is new to the faith? How do we engage with people in the first place? Discipleship is a lifelong process, not something we complete (Philippians 1:6).The goal is to become increasingly like Jesus, growing in love, holiness and maturity (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18), while encouraging and helping others to follow Him too. How does that happen in our church? This series maps out a simple understanding for how we make disciples as a church, not just new Christians, but throughout our lives.