

## CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

### 'The Real Jesus' Part 60 Matt 26v17-30

1. What has your personal experience of communion been so far in your Christian life?
2. What one thing Rich said, do you most want to discuss at small group and why?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 11v17-34**
  - a)
    - What is the significance of the bread and wine/grape juice used in communion?
    - Why do you think it is helpful to have these 'physical' symbols in communion?

Rich said that The New testament church took communion as part of a meal together.

- What evidence is there for that view in this passage?
- b)
- What two reasons do verses 24-26 give for taking communion?
  - How do you think taking communion achieves these two reasons?
  - In what ways do you personally find communion helpful?
  - In what ways do you find it falls short of the two reasons?
  - How were the Corinthians taking communion wrongly?
  - What were some of the consequences of that?

Paul teaches us that certain wrong actions, motives, relationship problems or attitudes can cause God to discipline us, especially when we take communion.

- List as many of these things that you can think of?
- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you which ones might be a problem for you now?
- What can you do to deal with those things?

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Jesus tells us that his death and resurrection will make a New Covenant between God and humanity, we remember this New Covenant when we take communion.

Read **Jeremiah 31v31-34**

- a) In what ways does this passage tell us The New Covenant is different from the 'old' Covenant?
- b) Why does this passage say a New Covenant was needed?
- c) In what ways was the old Covenant not effective enough?
- d) What do you think are the main differences between your life now living under the New Covenant instead of the old Covenant?
- e) In what ways do think you fail to get the full benefit of living under the New Covenant?

## CONNECT IN PRAYER

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Please pray for the October **Alpha course**, asking God "*who can I invite?*", pray for those people and that they will come on the course. Pray for a good turn out on the introductory meal on 7<sup>th</sup> October. Pray for God to save 4 people on this alpha course (or more) as part of our goal for 2012 to see 6 saved and added to the church this year.

**Nigel and Claire Dutton in Berlin:** The Newfrontiers church in Berlin now have between 50-75 people attending their public meetings, making them already one of the largest churches in Berlin! Please pray that God will continue to grow the church. Please pray for strength and energy for Nigel as he juggles the demands of working full time as a teacher in a local school, being a husband and a father. Pray for his children who are still suffering from 'culture shock', especially their oldest son, Toby who is struggling with the dramatic change.

## CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

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We will be in the **precinct** on Saturday the **22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September**. If you would like to get involved please speak to Mike or Sally for more details.

**Prayer Week: 23<sup>rd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> September.** The week starts with a Prayer Evening on Sunday the **23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm**. Please refer to your September Diary Dates card for a programme of events during the week.

The next **Alpha Meal** is on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm** at Prezzo in Lewes. Begin to think and pray about who you will invite.

We are having a **Baby thanksgiving** on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 10am**. This is a great morning to invite friends and family along to

