

Discussion Notes

Communion: After the Meal

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This series asks: who are we? Living Waters Church is rooted in Jesus and is guided by the Bible. We share seven core values that express the heart of Jesus and are biblically grounded. This series will seek to explore these values through the metaphor of *Communion*.

Before the Meal – Welcome and Invitation

- A little about who we are.

During the Meal – Togetherness and Nourishment

- Community
- Authenticity
- Spiritual Formation
- Worship

After the Meal – Purpose and Growth

- Generosity
- Recognizing and Releasing
- The Great Commission

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The Great Commission

- John 13:33-35- Jesus gives *purpose* to his followers.
- John 14:12-15 & Acts 1:8- Jesus *empowers* those he sends with the Holy Spirit.
- This call must be embraced locally and globally—while it is still a personal call for every believer.

Generosity

- Matthew 14:13-21- The disciples notice only their limitations and desire to send away the crowds. Jesus supernaturally provides over and above what is necessary.
- We are a people blessed so that we can be a blessing to others—all to God's glory.
- Openhandedness is a direct reflection of our belief in the generosity of God.

Recognizing and Releasing

- Romans 12:6 & 1 Corinthians 12:7- God, by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, freely gives gifts to all believers.

- We need a healthy community as a platform for recognizing gifts in ourselves and others.
- Church is not just for gathering, it is a place of equipping and sending out.

Bottom line: *Love like Jesus!*

Discussion Questions

- What example did Jesus give his disciples?
- How does living the great commission look in your current situation?
- Where have you experienced God's generosity and provision? What was your response?
- Have you had someone recognize one of your gifts? How did it feel?
- What are the benefits of knowing your gifts and working out of them?