

## MAIN POINT

*Jesus' last supper with His disciples signified His role as the Passover Lamb.*

## INTRODUCTION

Where is your favorite place to go for a celebratory meal? What do you enjoy about that place?

Why do you think meals are so often a part of our celebrations in life? When you think of Scripture, what memorable meals come to mind?

**Meals are often more than just meals. They signify relationship and community with others. They celebrate victories and can comfort us on difficult days. These moments at the table communicate something and connect us to one another in a way that other activities do not. So, it's no surprise that on the night before His death, Jesus chose to explain the significance of His suffering and death with a meal.**

## DISCUSSION

### > READ LUKE 22:7-23.

Read Exodus 12:1-14. What significance did the Passover meal already have for the disciples?

What thoughts and emotions do you think these Jewish disciples of Jesus had as they made preparations for the annual Passover meal?

Jesus said He had "earnestly desired" to share this Passover meal with His disciples. Do you think the moment was equally as meaningful for them? Why or why not?

What new significance did Jesus give to the bread? What new significance did He give to the cup?

How did Jesus' description of the bread and cup connect to the first Passover?

As the disciples observed and listened to Jesus at the first Lord's Supper, what do you think might have been going through their minds? How much do you think they understood when Jesus spoke about His body and blood?

Why is the Lord's Supper an essential part of Christian practice today?

Essentially, Jesus told the disciples to "divide" His body and blood among themselves. What does it mean to take the body and blood of Christ with you as you leave the community of faith and go into the world each week?

## APPLICATION

What preparations do you need to make to celebrate the Lord's Supper? What do we risk if we practice the observance of the Lord's Supper without preparation or with little thought?