

### **LOVE**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another... (John 13:34)

- Internal: How was your week...anything new? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- External: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

## **TRUTH**

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another... (Col. 3:16)

- 1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you? [Dialogue]
- 2. Let's read our primary text. Luke begins this chapter by informing the reader that the following events occurred around the time of Passover. What is Passover?
  Passover was the annual Jewish festival remembering how God delivered Israel from slavery in Egypt (Exodus 12). During the final plague on Egypt, the Lord instructed the Israelites to sacrifice a lamb and place its blood on the doorposts of every Jewish home. Then, an angel of death "passed over" the homes covered by the blood, which symbolized salvation through the blood of the lamb. Through this hedge of protection, the Lord spared the people from death.
- 3. What are the connections that are present between the Passover and Jesus?

  In John 1:29, John the Baptist declared as he saw Jesus, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" Jesus' blood frees us from sin and death and grants us eternal life. He is the once for all, unblemished, Passover Lamb, that takes away the sins of the world.
- 4. Where else can we read about the Lord's Supper in the Bible? Let's go to those passages and read those accounts.
  - Matthew (26:26ff) and Mark (14:22ff)
- 5. What is the Lord's Supper? How would you explain this to a child?

  Example: God gives us a lot of great ways to help us remember him and what he did for us. He gives us baptism to help us remember we are a new creation in him and to declare to others what he has done for us. But he also gives us the Lord's Supper. When we take the Lord's Supper at
  - church, the juice reminds us that Jesus died and bled for our sins, and the bread reminds us that his body was broken for us on the cross. Through this, we remember all that Jesus has done, and we remember together, with our spiritual brothers and sisters in the church.
- 6. Jesus said that he was inaugurating "a new covenant in his blood" (v.20). What is this new covenant? Contrast the old and new covenant.
  - **Old Covenant (Moses / Law):** Written on tablets of stone, required repeated sacrifices, mediated by priests, conditional on Israel's obedience.
  - **New Covenant (Jesus / Grace):** Written on hearts by the Spirit, one perfect sacrifice of Jesus, mediated by Christ Himself, secured by God's grace.

7. How does this text convict/challenge you?

[Dialogue]

8. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

[Dialogue]

9. The shroud of Turin experience is coming next week. What are you excited about? Skeptical about? Curious about?

[Dialogue]

#### **GREAT COMMISSION**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is it apparent to others that Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity? Would anyone like to share the gospel with the group?

# **CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE**

But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives.

#### Sources:

- ESV Study Bible Commentary

- Christ-Centered Exposition, Luke - (Anyabwile)

- AI Resources (primarily Chat GPT)