

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE BOOK OF  
MARK

## Week 8: Communion & Community

### GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Share an insight with your group that you learned in this series.

If you grew up in a faith community, what was your understanding of Holy Communion? Discuss if the concept of the “real presence” (of Jesus’s body and blood) during Holy Communion a hard one for you to grasp.

### DISCUSS THE TEXT & THE MESSAGE

*Read Mark 14:12-26 and discuss some or all of the following questions.*

What are some similarities and differences between Passover and the Lord’s Supper?

Jesus declares to the disciples that He is giving them His body and His blood. He states, “this [bread] is my body” (v. 22) and “this [wine] is my blood (v. 24). Why do you think that people came to think that communion only symbolizes Jesus’s body and blood when He clearly states that He is giving them His very body and blood?

Are you comfortable with the mystery of not knowing HOW God performs His miracles, or is it something you struggle with?

Discuss the significance of the Passover lamb being absent from the Lord’s Supper. Was that a detail you noticed before this message?

As you read God’s Word and listen to the messages, keep in mind this question, “Where am I in the text?” Share one particular message or story from this series that really spoke to you and brought you closer to God.

Mark’s Gospel has been described as one in which the author economizes his words. Compare Mark’s telling of the Last Supper to another Gospel writer’s account and examine how they complement one another.