IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

TEXT: (Luke 22:14-20, NIV)

¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

¹⁷ After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸ For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

INTRODUCTION

- 1. "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year" (Exodus 12:2, NIV).
- 2. "And he said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God'" (Luke 22:15-16, NIV).

I. THE LAST SUPPER

1. "For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (I Corinthians 11:23-26, NIV).

A. Remembering Our Deliverance from Bondage

- "Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God" (I Corinthians 6:9-11, NLT).
- 2. "When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners" (Romans 5:6-8, NLT).

B. Remembering Victories That Have Been Won

- 1. "For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God" (Romans 8:13-14, NIV).
- 2. "LORD, I know that people's lives are not their own; it is not for them to direct their

steps" (Jeremiah 10:23, NIV).

3. "We have heard it with our ears, O God; our ancestors have told us what you did in their days, in days long ago" (Psalm 44:1, NIV).

II. PRACTICING COMMUNION

1. "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace...until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 3, 13, NIV).

A. Practice Communion—No Room for Grudges

- 1. "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt" (Genesis 45:8, NIV).
- B. Ten Love One Another Commandments
 - 1. Love One Another.
 - a. "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you" (John 15:12, NIV).
 - 2. Serve One Another.
 - a. "You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love" (Galatians 5:13, NIV).
 - 3. Honor One Another.
 - a. "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves" (Romans 12:10, NIV).
 - 4. Accept One Another.
 - a. "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God" (Romans 15:7, NIV).
 - 5. Build One Another Up.
 - a. "Encourage one another and build each other up" (I Thessalonians 5:11, NIV).
 - 6. Encourage One Another.
 - a. "But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness" (Hebrews 3:13, NIV).
 - 7. Admonish One Another.
 - a. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16, NIV).
 - 8. Greet One Another.
 - a. "Greet one another with a holy kiss" (II Corinthians 13:12, NIV).
 - 9. Forgive One Another.
 - a. "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32, NIV).
 - 10. Motivate One Another.
 - a. "Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works" (Hebrews 10:24, NLT).
- III. DO NOT FORGET THE BLESSINGS OF LIVING IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD
 - 1. "When God, your God, ushers you into the land he promised through your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to give you, you're going to walk into large, bustling cities you didn't build, well-furnished houses you didn't buy, come upon wells you

didn't dig, vineyards and olive orchards you didn't plant. When you take it all in and settle down, pleased and content, make sure you don't forget how you got there—God brought you out of slavery in Egypt" (Deuteronomy 6:10-12, MSG).

- A. Do Not Forget—God Hears Your Prayers
 - 1. "I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy" (Psalm 116:1, NIV).
 - 2. "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know" (Jeremiah 33:3, NIV).
 - 3. "My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:2, NIV).
 - 4. "Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live" (Psalm 116:2, NIV).
- B. Do Not Forget—God Is Gracious and Compassionate
 - 1. "The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion" (Psalm 116:5, NIV).
 - 2. "Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who <u>forgives all your</u> <u>sins</u> and <u>heals all your diseases</u>, who <u>redeems your life from the pit</u> and <u>crowns you</u> <u>with love and compassion</u>, who <u>satisfies your desires</u> with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's" (Psalm 103:2-5, NIV).
 - 3. "The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love" (Psalm 103:8, NIV).
 - 4. "But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:4-7, NIV).

CONCLUSION

- 1. "On the second day of the month, the heads of all the families, along with the priests and the Levites, gathered around Ezra the scribe to give attention to the words of the Law" (Nehemiah 8:13, NIV).
- 2. "They found written in the Law, which the LORD had commanded through Moses, that the Israelites were to live in booths during the feast of the seventh month and that they should proclaim this word and spread it throughout their towns and in Jerusalem" (Nehemiah 8:14-15, NIV).
- 3. "The whole company that had returned from exile built booths and lived in them. From the days of Joshua son of Nun until that day, the Israelites had not celebrated it like this. And their joy was very great" (Nehemiah 8:17, NIV).

QUESTIONS

- 1. Do you still remember what the Lord delivered you from?
- 2. Do you have any grudges that need to be repented of?
- 3. List some things you are grateful to the Lord for.
- 4. What do you never want to forget?

ASSIGNMENT

There would be nothing wrong if you as a family were to wash one another's feet and pray for one another.