

## **Growth Group – Luke 22:1-23**

10 March 2025

Recommencing our time in Luke, as we walk through the events of Jesus' death and resurrection

Starter: in a friendship, who puts in effort to maintain a healthy relationship?

What happens if it is mainly just one person?

In this study Jesus has us considering our relating to God.

### **Pray and read Luke 22:1-23**

1. First reactions or questions?
2. From vv1-6, for people who we'd expect 'know God' or 'know Jesus': how do they relate to Jesus, and why this way?
3. Passover is mentioned a lot of times. How many times?  
What is a one sentence summary of the significance of Passover in your own words?  
*[if stuck try Exod 12:27]*
4. From vv7-13, who makes preparations for whom? (We could ask this of the first Passover in Exodus 12. But let's focus on this meal in Luke 22).  
*[There is both 'Gods part' and 'our part']*
5. Break into groups:  
See how many particular details you can find in this description of a simple meal. While it could say 'they ate and drank'. It actually says much more. What is the more? (eg 'I have eagerly desired this').
6. How might we summarise the meaning of this meal in a sentence?  
*[the new covenant in my blood being key!]*
7. Since the new covenant, the new way of relating to God, is through Jesus' blood (v20), what does this mean for people who refuse to relate to Him (e.g. those in v1-6)?
8. What are some of the assurances Jesus' gives in this passage, that trusting in him guarantees relationship with God?
9. What about when we muck things up? (ie fail living for God? eg sin against one another, eg decide to do what I know I shouldn't). Do we lose our relationship when we muck things up? Why not?

*Pray and give thanks that Jesus does everything to have us relate to God. Give thanks that the basis of relationship is 'his blood', something that is certain and complete. Pray we will want to live for, including when we muck things up.*

## **Growth Group – Redeeming Love (alternative option)**

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*How can you know what someone's heart towards you is? (that is someone who is not a spouse etc). What ways do friends express brotherly love towards one another?*

Today we're thinking about God's redeeming love.

**Let's pray.**

1. What is God's heart towards the world? What verse proves your point?

**Read John 3:16-21.**

2. In John's gospel what does 'the world' refer to? (hint: not the creation).  
E.g. John 7:7, John 12:31.
3. Did God give his son before or after people from the world turned to listen to God?
4. What is God's purpose in giving his Son to death? V16b.
5. What kind of perishing is this referring to?
6. What sort of response is expected from learning that 'God so loved the world'?  
What is a wrong response here? What is a better, right response?
7. Not being loved (by God, or by people) leads to insecurity in life. What sorts of things might an unloved insecure person do to try and 'shore things up personally'?
8. Having love from God brings security in life. What sorts of things might a securely loved person do, from this position of security?
9. Are you secure in the love of God personally? What helps you be secure?

Secure love can lead to complacency with God (not caring about walking in his ways).

But instead knowing the love of God should lead us to obey God and serve people.

10. What is more true for you: complacency or costly service? Why?

*Give thanks that the cross is how God secures us in his love. Pray that God would make us willing to gladly obey him, and to serve others in costly ways – including in seeking to see them come into the love of Christ.*