

**SESSION OBJECTIVE:**

To understand that Jesus' power lets us live forever.

## The Most Important Meal

In Matthew 26, we learn of an important meal that Jesus shared with His disciples. Commemorating the Passover, they shared a Passover meal that we have come to call, "The Lord's Supper." In this meal, Jesus uses two different elements to image what He will accomplish for us on the cross. First He gives them bread after breaking it and says, "Take, eat; this is My body" (Matt. 26:26). Next, He took the cup and after giving thanks said, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." There are several allusions to the Old Testament in these few lines. Below is a very brief outline of each of them.

**BLOOD OF THE COVENANT**

There is only one other place where the phrase, "blood of the covenant" is found and that is in Exodus 24:8: "And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." This phrase is significant because it frames a practice that established the covenant that God made with His people. In the blood of Christ, a new covenant is being formed between God and His people.

**POURED OUT**

The language, "poured out," reflects a particular sacrifice that is made in Leviticus chapter 4, for the sins of the priesthood. The priest is to take the blood from the basin and pour it out. In the same way, Jesus' blood is poured out for the forgiveness of sins. That this is an allusion to an offering for sin specifically for the priesthood is significant since all Christians become priests with Christ as the high priest (1 Pet. 2:9).

**FOR MANY**

The phrase for many alludes to Isaiah 53:12: "Yet he bore the sin for many, and makes intercession for the transgressors." Isaiah 53 is famously known as one of the clearest Messianic passages in the Old Testament about the so-called *suffering servant*. That Jesus alludes to it is fitting.

**WITH YOU IN MY FATHER'S KINGDOM**

The thrust of this passage is found in the last statement where Jesus says, "I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Matt. 26:29). There is an implied promise that Jesus' power will let His people live forever. We will one day again be reunited with Him in the Heavenly Father's kingdom. This is the promise of the Gospel: eternal life (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 6:23).

## Questions:

1. Icebreaker: Have you ever believed the Gospel? Have you ever led someone to Christ?
2. Why is it important for the kids to learn this lesson?
3. How important is observing the Lord's Supper to you after reading this?
4. Spend some time praying for the kids tonight, that God would open their hearts to be receptive to the Gospel.

**MEMORY VERSE: ROMANS 8:11**

"If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."