

## SGL QUESTIONS

### **The Necessity of the Last Supper**

Matthew 26:17-29

**Purpose:** To see that it was necessary for the Jesus to celebrate the Passover, be betrayed, and ultimately to redefine the Passover as a memorial for His death on the cross that looks forward to the final celebration when He returns.

#### **Read Matthew 26:17-19.**

1. What was the Passover celebration? What did it commemorate? How is it related to unleavened bread?
2. Why was it necessary for Jesus to keep the Passover? What in verse 18 suggests that Jesus had more than simply celebrating the Passover in view? (“My time is at hand”).

#### **Read Matthew 26:20-25.**

3. Why was it necessary for Jesus to be betrayed? (v. 24, “The Son of Man does as it is written of him”). Where in the OT does it predict that Jesus will be betrayed? (see Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53 [esp. vv. 3, 7]).
4. If it was God’s plan for Judas to betray Jesus (and it was), then is Judas still accountable for his sin? How does Acts 2:23 confirm the idea that both God is sovereign AND that man is responsible?

#### **Read Matthew 26:26-29.**

5. How does Jesus fulfill the Passover? In what ways does he reinterpret the Passover meal with the symbols of the bread and the wine?
6. How is the Lord’s Supper a non-verbal proclamation of the Gospel? How does the Lord’s Supper point back and how does it point forward?
7. Based on this text, the sermon, and our discussion, how has your view of the Lord’s Supper changed? How will you approach the Lord’s Supper differently?