

Session 4: Devoted to the Breaking of Bread

1.

Read Acts 2:46-47. These verses point out some specific things happening amidst communion. Why do you think it's notable that Luke (the writer of Acts) tells us communion was taken *with glad and sincere hearts*, and what do you think that means?

The beginning of verse 47 notes that along with communion was praise. How can our participation in communion be an act of praise & worship in itself?

These verses also show us that the disciples enjoyed the favor of all the people and that God Himself added daily to the number of disciples. Why do you think these statements appear in conjunction with the disciples breaking bread together?

2.

Pastor Vince noted that while many of the forms of our worship gatherings have changed over Church history (order, content, songs, presentation) one thing that remained the same is the participation in communion. Why do you think this is the case?

Read 1 Cor. 11:23-26. Why do you think the Bible is so clear in its teaching on communion when it's not quite as clear in other areas of church practice?

What is it about the remembrance and celebration of Christ's death, resurrection, and return that is so vital in uniting us?

3.

Read 1 Cor. 11:27-29. What do you think it means to *discern the body and blood of Lord* when taking communion, and what might it look like when someone does not discern Christ's body & blood?

How is this lack of discernment connected to taking communion in an unworthy manner, and how might this contribute toward disunity?

4.

In what ways is our unity (or disunity) connected to our effectiveness in witnessing, evangelism, and Kingdom advancement?

Read Acts 2:44. Why is this verse so significant considering this discussion on unity and communion, and what do you think this might look like to practice in our local body?