

Warmup

1. What events do/did you celebrate with your family?
2. What if any symbols did you use?
3. Share an occasion when someone made a sacrifice for you.

Discussion

1. Read Mark 14:17-26

In this passage, Jesus and His disciples are celebrating the Passover. Commemorating the time when God led the nation of Israel out of bondage to the Egyptians and leading them, ultimately, to Caanan, The Promised Land.

2. Read Exodus 13:1-16. What reason is given for celebrating the Passover? V3, 8-9, 14
3. Read Exodus 12:21-23. What was the purpose of the blood on the doorway?

Here in Mark 14 we see Jesus and His disciples celebrating the Passover, when God killed all the first born in Egypt but “passed over” any family when He saw the sacrificial blood on their door posts.

How does Jesus adopt the symbols of the Passover to His life and purpose here?

How does Jesus “fulfill” the symbolism of the Passover?

4. How does this resonate with what He has been teaching His disciples?
5. How does Paul use a similar image in Philippians 2:17?

Hitting the Road

1. Only Christ’s blood can cleanse us from our Sin, but Paul makes it clear that we can also be poured out as a sacrifice.
How can our lives be “poured out” for others?
How can we have a part in releasing others from bondage?
2. What are obstacles that hinder us from “pouring out” ourselves?
3. In groups of 2 or 3
 - a. Where is God calling you to “pour out” your life for others?
 - b. Are there obstacles that you need removed in order to do obey?
 - c. Pray for each other to answer God’s call to pour out our lives.