

THE CONTEXT OF THE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

Introduction – People call it the Eucharist, or Communion, or the Lord’s Supper. It is done in remembrance of Jesus and is a present participation in the life of the Lord. The context is quite different today from the First Century.

- A. Jesus instituted this remembrance in the context of the Jewish Passover meal.

Luke 22:14-20

- B. On the first day of the week after Jesus resurrection he appeared to two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Luke 24:25-32

- C. On Pentecost the church was established when thousands were baptized for the forgiveness of sin and to receive the Holy Spirit. Then they began a new life together in Christ.

Acts 2:42-47

- D. This example of assembling over a common meal continued as the Church expanded throughout the world.

Acts 20:6-11

Conclusion – Next week we are going to create the context of a common meal for our assembly. Come early because we will conclude our service by 11:00 a.m. and then share a potluck meal.

Discussion Questions

1. How is our assembly today different from the early church?
2. How does eating a common meal encourage fellowship with one another?
3. What can we do to increase the quality of our fellowship besides sharing a common meal?