

SERMON SERIES: EMPTY

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Sermon title:

“Gathered.”

Introduction

We just concluded our Movement series and are beginning a new series this week, called Empty. As we gear up for the Easter season, we will be looking at how Jesus emptied himself for the sake of other people. This week specifically, we are talking about how Jesus gathered with other people and what that means for us now.

- What is a memorable moment you have from a gathering of friends or family? Either something funny, sentimental, surprising, angering, etc.

Seek the Word

Read Mark 14:1-26.

- What do you know about Passover feast already?
- What does this passage tell us about who Jesus is?
- In verse 21, Jesus calls himself the “Son of Man”. What might this mean?
- Why might Jesus describe the communion elements as his body and blood in verses 22-24?
- How does this passage help explain the purpose of believers gathering together?

Go Deeper

This week our passage and sermon discuss the act of the Passover feast that Jesus and his disciples celebrated. To learn more about the history of the Passover feast, read the following passages:

- Exodus 11 & 12
- Leviticus 23:4-8
- Numbers 9:13

Talk About It

- What is your experience with practicing communion? (Is it new, confusing, something you’ve always done, etc.)
- How often do you gather with fellow Christian brothers and sisters? What does that look like? (Small group, church service, meals together, etc.)
- Our sermon this week talked about four promises Jesus made to us: He will bring us out, he will free us, he will redeem us, and he will take us.
 - Which promise is easiest for you to hear? Why?
 - Which promise do you struggle to believe? Why?

Wrap Up

Reminder: We take communion to remember our redemption.

Challenge: This week, practice the act of communion with a group of believers. The group can be of friends, family, co-workers, or any other group of Christian brothers and sisters. Take the time to gather together for a meal of your choosing, and at the end, break bread and drink juice in remembrance of Christ and his sacrifice for us. This is an act of worship, and an opportunity to meditate on the work Christ has done in our lives.