COMMUNION

Communion is an opportunity to pause and remember who Jesus is, what He has done for us, and the hope we have because of Him. Through His death and resurrection, we have received grace, forgiveness, and new life.

This week, your Life Group will end by taking Communion together. Before you do, read through the verses below and reflect on Jesus' love, sacrifice, and faithfulness.

Isaiah 53:3-6

Ephesians 2:4-9

Luke 22:19-20

Take Communion with us this week! If you are not in a Life Group and would like to take Communion with us, see northcoastchurch.com/communion to follow along.

NOTES / PRAYER

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Pastor TJ McDaniel
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What Shall I Do With Jesus?

We have only Two Choices When it Comes to Jesus:

1. _____
   Three Scary Ways to Reject Jesus:
   1. Be like _____
      Matthew 27:1-5
   2. Be like the _____
      Matthew 27:6-10
   3. Be like _____
      Matthew 27:11-26

2. _____
   Matthew 4:17, Romans 2:4
   It's the only proper response to the _____.

   _____ of sin
   _____ for sin
   _____ for sin
   _____ of sin
   _____ of sin
   _____ from sin

   For Christians, repentance should not be _____,
   but _____.

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

These questions are designed to help groups discuss the weekend teaching while building relationships with each other and applying God's Word to our lives.

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WARM UP

1. Christmas is almost here! What's one tradition, food, or experience you're most looking forward to this season?

2. As we wrap up this Life Group quarter, think back over our time together. What's one moment, conversation, or answered prayer from this group that stands out to you?

3. This weekend, we continued the story of what happened in Jesus' final hours before the cross. What stood out to you most from this weekend's message? Looking back over the last several weeks of this story, has anything stuck with you that caught your attention?

KNOW IT



1. This weekend we watched several people come face to face with Jesus in the hours before the cross: Judas, the religious leaders, and Pilate. Each of them shows us something about our own hearts. Read Matthew 27:1–26. What's one lesson we can learn from each person in the story? Which one hit closest to home for you, and why?

2. Read verses 3–5 again, then read 2 Corinthians 7:10. Judas was "seized with remorse," but remorse is only part of repentance and can become a counterfeit version of it. What's the difference between feeling bad about our sin and truly repenting?

3. Jesus says almost nothing in front of Pilate. Read Isaiah 53:6-7 and John 10:17-18. If a friend were to ask you why Jesus stayed silent, what would you tell them? What does His silence tell us about the kind of God we have?

SHARE IT



1. TJ reminded us that Judas' hardened heart didn't happen overnight. It was a slow progression. He described repentance as God's tool to keep our hearts sensitive, and said it should be normal, frequent, and celebrated. Which of those three words is hardest for you, and why? What has repentance looked like in your walk with God?

2. Gratitude doesn't happen by accident. In Psalm 103, David has to tell his own soul to "forget not all his benefits." Read Psalm 103:1–5. How do you remind yourself to "forget not" what Jesus has done? What could it look like practically for you to cultivate a heart of gratitude to God?

LIVE IT



As we close out our quarter together, we're going to take Communion as a group. Communion is a simple, symbolic practice that helps us remember what Jesus did for us. He stood silent before Pilate and walked willingly to the cross for us.

As you take the bread, which represents His body broken for you, and the juice, which represents the blood He shed for you, take a moment to bring to God anything you need to repent of. Thank Jesus for taking your place and ask Him to keep your heart soft and sensitive to Him in the year ahead.