

DEDICATION: THE TABLE OF COMMUNION (2)

“The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord’s Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.”

Evangelical Free Church of America, Statement of Faith

Recap

1. Communion is an actual, symbolic meal in which Jesus is the host.
2. Communion defines, unites and directs the church.
3. Communion is a participation in the past, present and future of Christ’s work.

Frequency: See above.

Questions

1. What kinds of elements should be used?
 - a. Bread

 - b. Cup

2. How is the future arranged and is it significant?

3. What is connection to the Passover meal?

4. How is a small group different than a small church?

a. Read Matt. 18:17-20

b. Not _____, but witnesses to _____.

c. Small group is _____ part of a whole church.

d. Small church is duly constituted whole.

i. A church is where _____.

ii. A church is where _____.

iii. A church is where _____.

5. Other questions?

Each time we partake, we should be saying in our hearts, “as sure as I see and touch and taste this bread and this wine, so sure is it that Jesus Christ is not a fancy but a fact, that he is for real, and that he offers me himself to be my Saviour, my Bread of Life, and my Guide to glory. He has left me this rite, this gesture, this token, this ritual action as a guarantee of this grace; He instituted it, and it is a sign of life-giving union with him, and I’m taking part in it, and thus I know that I am his and he is mine forever.”

J.I. Packer, *The Gospel and the Lord’ Supper*, 50.