



Remembering The Servant | Luke 22:14-34

1. As you read the Bible text, what most strikes you (or strikes you afresh) about Jesus' encounter with the disciples?
2. Can you think of an occasion when a meal has played a significant part in your interaction with another person or been the means to achieve something significant? What were your motives for the meal? Were the other persons/parties motives the same?
3. As you look at the image of Leonardo's painting of The Last Supper (overleaf), which characters stand out and why? What do you notice about their position and posture? Which character can you most identify with, and why? How might you have painted the same scene differently? Google contemporary versions of the painting if you need inspiration (or a reason to keep the original exactly as it is).
4. Why, do you think, does Jesus say (v14), '*I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you...*'?
5. Discuss how Jesus takes a moment of historical religious significance, transforming it into a new present reality. Did the disciples understand what Jesus was doing without the benefit of hindsight? Why? Why not?
6. How is this moment '*a glimpse into the heart of God*'? In what ways can you see the grace of God on display?
7. What do you make of the dispute that broke out in v24? Discuss the implications of Jesus' words in vv.25-30. How does Jesus practice what he preaches with this regard?
8. Discuss the significance of Jesus' to Simon words in v32? He prays that (a) Simon's faith will not fail and (b) that Simon will encourage others when he turns back. Can you think of an occasion when your failings or lack of faith has proven to be a blessing to others afterwards?
9. How, if at all, does our contemporary sharing of this famous meal [Communion] enable us to encounter Jesus today? It's defined as a sacrament: *a visible symbol of the reality of God, as well as a channel for God's grace*. How does this make it different from any other act of remembrance?



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?



