## COMMUNION GUIDE - MARCH 22, 2020 FROM LARRY SPADER

One of the ways in which we make much of Jesus at OneLife Church is through communion. Communion is a powerful reminder of what Jesus did for us on the cross. During this time of limited contacts with one another, communion will be done a little differently than how we normally do it.

We will be celebrating in our homes, but the truth we are proclaiming will always be the same. That truth is found in Romans 3.

## Romans 3:23-25a

"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in His grace, freely makes us right in His sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood...".

The Gospel is so powerfully presented in these verses. Our story as believers is that we were sinners who were helpless to save ourselves. There was nothing we could have done to earn God's favor or love. But God, in His grace, presented His Son as the payment for our sins. Because of this we have been made free.

This is a gift received by faith. It is not just having a knowledge of what Jesus did for us by dying on the cross. It is a heart commitment and a heart surrender to Jesus. It is saying, "Jesus, I trust in You, that you died for my sins – past, present and future. I trust in You and You alone".

If you don't have crackers and grape juice, use what you have available. Whatever you use, it represents Jesus' body that was broken for us and His blood that was spilled for us.

As we celebrate communion in our homes, let's celebrate the Gospel, the Good News of what Jesus has done for us. Let's celebrate His grace and mercy in our lives. Let's thank Him for our salvation.

So...let's make much of Jesus!