

COMMUNION IN HOUSE CHURCHES

We see in Acts, Chapter 2, when the New Testament Church is born, some insights into what the Christians were doing together:

Acts 2:42 (ESV)

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

One of these practices is “the breaking of bread”, which we are encouraging you to do as you meet in House Churches. When it is time for communion, use what food and drink you have available to gather together and remember Jesus. Remember Jesus as you eat the bread(food): that his body was broken for you. Remember Jesus as you drink the wine(drink): that his blood was spilled for you.

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (ESV)

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Some instruction for Communion:

1. Read scripture - there is scripture and encouragement provided in the House Church Communion Guide. Have someone read this out loud.
2. Pray - If you have unconfessed sin, now is a great time to bring it to God. Thank God for all he has given, including his Son, Jesus.
3. Eat the [bread] and drink the [wine] - remembering that they represent the broken body of Jesus and his spilled blood.

