

Sermon Title: **“Why Our Gathering At The Lord’s Table Matters”**

Sermon Text: **Luke 22:7-23**

Introduction:

▪ ***Our family gathering at the Lord’s Table calls us to do at least 4 things:***

I. It Calls Us To Reflect (22:7-13)

▪ ***The historical setting for the institution of the Lord’s Supper was the Feast of Passover.***

▪ ***The Passover meal and festival were the single and most defining moment of Israel’s history: the deliverance from Egypt!***

▪ ***Exodus 12:1-32***

“Imagine what it must have been like that night to know that a death angel was moving throughout the land of Egypt, and to hear the national grief as parents discovered that someone from every family had died.”

▪ ***The Passover Feast was instituted to rehearse and to celebrate the bloody redemption of God’s people out of slavery!***

▪ ***Passover was also a foreshadowing, a precursor if you will to an even greater deliverance - the deliverance of people from sin’s captivity!***

▪ ***Hebrews 9:12–14***

II. It Calls Us To Remember (22:14-20)

▪ ***One of the consequences of being a sinful, and therefore flawed, human being is forgetfulness.***

▪ ***One of the things that God has implemented that helps us to remember is what could be called a memory tool.***

▪ ***I Peter 1:18-19***

▪ ***The Lord’s Supper is a completely holistic experience. It touches on every one of our senses!***

▪ ***The true value of a picture is that it touches our hearts!***

What is it that stirs up your affections for Jesus?

III. It Calls Us To Repent (I Corinthians 11:27-32)

- The Lord's Table calls us to repent of the attitudes of our minds and the actions of our hands and the affections of our hearts which are displeasing to God.

“One of the problems in the lives of so many Christians today is that they have somehow become so desensitized to the Holy Spirit that they can go through the motions of church, week after week, they can take the Lord's Supper time after time, and yet never come to terms with the truth that their relationship with God!”

- *The Lord's Supper is called communion for a reason, it's a time when we examine and rectify our communion with God and with one another.*

IV. It Calls Us To Recommit

- *Each time we take the cup and eat of the bread we are called to recommit ourselves once again to the Lordship of Jesus Christ!*

- From Jesus's perspective the Lord's Table is all about sacrifice, and from our perspective the Lord's Table is all about surrender!

Conclusion:

*Is your heart a bit cold toward your Savior?
Then I invite you to come to the Table!*