**Communion: But Wait, There's More!** 

## **INTRODUCTION**

When we take communion, we should never make it about what we have done but all about what Jesus did. When me make communion all about what Jesus did, His power and authority works through our faithful adherence to preach a message of gratitude to God, a message of hope and healing to ourselves, a message of Christ' loving forgiveness to others, and a message of power and authority over the enemy.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. If you grew up going to church, talk about your perceptions of communion and whether they were influenced by a particular tradition. If you didn't grow up going to church, what did you think of communion?
- 2. Do you agree with the way Crosspointe observes the Lord's Supper (Communion) or does it make you uncomfortable? Explain.
- 3. If you've participated in the taking of Communion, talk about your experience. What does it mean to you? How do you feel it benefits you?
- 4. Jon talked about Communion having more implications to it than just observing an ordinance. He stated that when observed correctly that communion is used to grow our faith. Do you agree with this? Why or Why not?
- 5. Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-31. See how many specific directions you can find that Paul gives us when observing communion?
- 6. In the message, Jon stated that when we look to Jesus, He declares us perfect. Do you struggle with the idea that in Christ you are perfect? Do you find it hard to believe that you are perfect in the sight of God?

## MOVING FORWARD

Whenever we take communion, we should do so in a way that our faith is ushered into a deep confidence in who we are in Jesus Christ. That confidence can be found in 3 simple declarations of truth.

- 1. Because of Jesus, I am perfect.
- 2. I claim my perfection in Jesus Christ and let go of anything less.
- 3. I take this communion as a declaration of my gratefulness to God and my complete confidence in Him alone.

## **CHANGING YOUR MIND**

Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. - I Corinthians 11:28-29 (TNIV)