



## The Best Thanksgiving Meal Ever

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**Today's Core Truth:** Thankfully, the New Covenant fulfills all of God's covenants.

Luke 22:14-20 (ESV)

### The New Covenant meal is a feast spanning thousands of years.

#### ⇒ First course of the feast: The Covenant with Abraham

Genesis 12:1-3 (ESV)

Gratitude that the New Covenant fulfills the covenant with Abraham to...

- \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom citizens (all people of faith).
- \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom territory (all of the world).
- \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom mission (bless all families on earth).

#### ⇒ Second course of the feast: The Covenant with Moses

Exodus 19:3b-6 (ESV)

Gratitude that the New Covenant fulfills the covenant with Moses to...

- \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom (with love).

Matthew 22:34-40 (ESV)

#### ⇒ Third course of the feast: The Covenant with David

2 Samuel 7:12-14a (ESV)

Gratitude that the New Covenant fulfills the covenant with David to...

- \_\_\_\_\_ the King (the Son of David).

#### ⇒ Main course of the feast: The New Covenant of Jesus

Gratitude that communion helps us to...

- \_\_\_\_\_ the King's sacrifice.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the King's return.

Communion is the main course of the feast—the culmination of all the Old Testament covenants. Jesus uses communion as a regular reminder that his kingdom is really real, here and now. When you take communion consider ways your life can move into more alignment with the reality of God’s rule.

ANSWER KEY: populate, locate, mandate, regulate, coronate, commemorate, anticipate



## Study & Discussion for Your Next Small Group

**Theme:** Communion is a remembrance of Christ’s kingdom.

**Share Together:** What have been your experiences with living in God’s kingdom? Does that kingdom seem real to you here and now?

**Reflect together:** What impacted you the most from

Sunday’s message?

**Read Together:** Matthew 13:1-52

**Discuss Together:**

- Consider the story lines of popular entertainment: Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, Game of Thrones, Downton Abbey, Disney movies, Marvel movies. Why do most of our favorite stories have kingdom themes? What does that say about our appetites for kingdom narratives? Why do we spend billions of dollars on kingdom stories? What other movies, books or games have kingdom themes?
- In Matthew 13:1-23, why does Jesus call the seed “the word of the kingdom”?
- The good soil are those people who “hear and understand” the word of the kingdom. How have you heard and understood the word of the kingdom?
- What patterns do you notice in the kingdom parables found in Matthew 13?
- Why is the kingdom described as something small, easily overlooked, or hidden?
- And why is the kingdom, at the same time, described as something extremely valuable, important or powerful?
- On a scale of 1-10, how much does your personal narrative (the background story in your head) reflect the reality of Christ’s real kingdom in the world?
- Jesus commands us to “seek first his kingdom” in Matthew 6:33. What does it mean for your highest priority to seek Christ’s kingdom?
- Jesus teaches us to pray “Father...your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10). What does it mean for God’s kingdom to come in your life, right now?

**Take Communion Together:** Bring bread and juice to share communion at the conclusion of your small group. Read Luke 22:14-23 as a reminder of Christ’s kingdom coming more and more in our lives.

**Pray Together:** Take time to share how God has answered prayer and any prayer requests you have today.