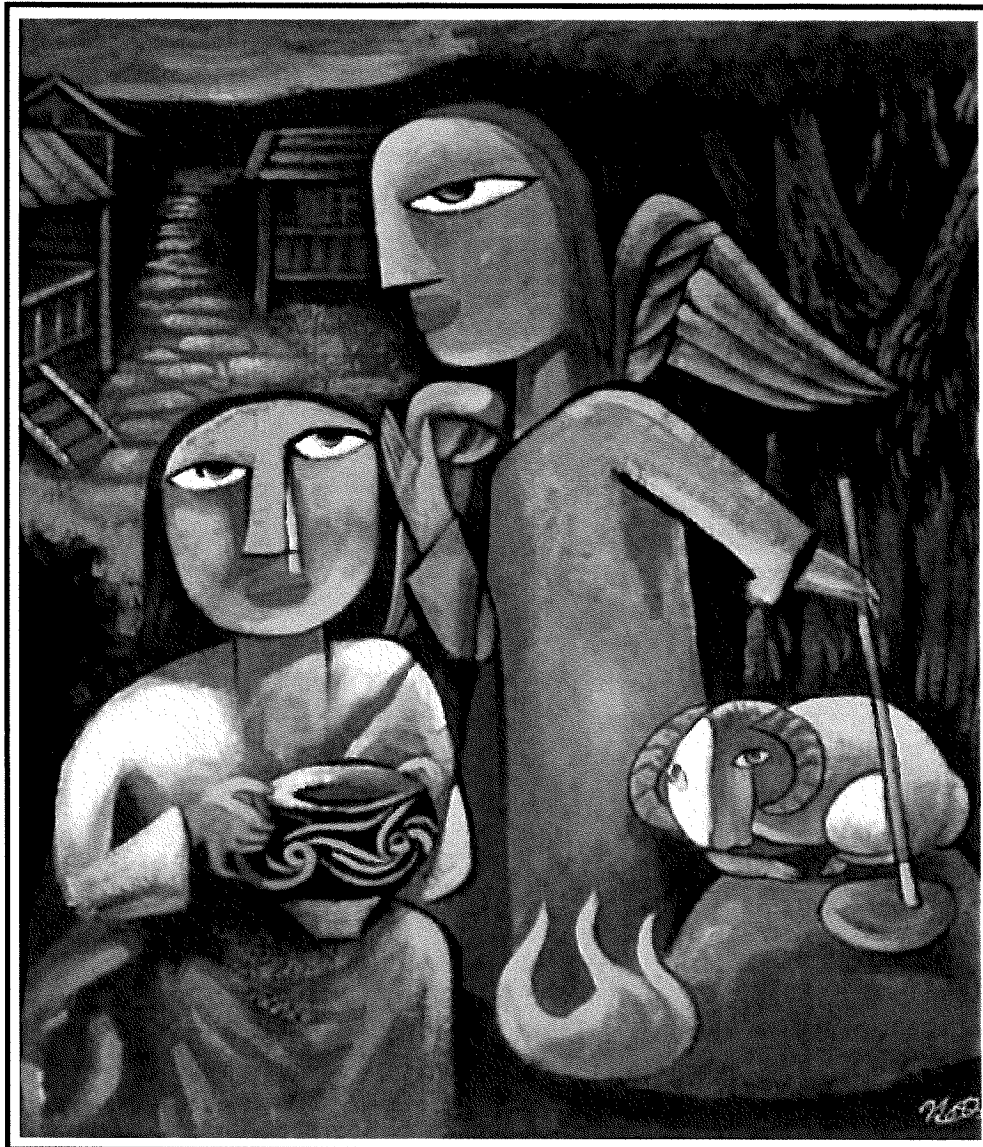


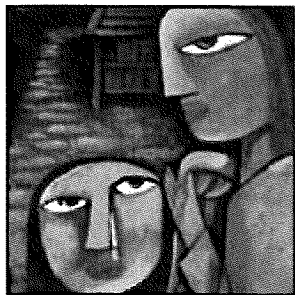
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“The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”

– I CORINTHIANS 10:16-17



# Passover to Last Supper

## OBJECTIVE

To help groups understand and experience Holy Communion as a meal of transformation instituted by Christ for the forgiveness of sin.

## FOCUS THIS WEEK

Jesus took the ancient Passover meal of remembrance and transformed it into a new meal of freedom, power and hope. When we share in the Lord's Supper today, we receive the living presence of Christ, God's forgiveness and a glimpse of the full communion we will have with Christ in the life to come. So what now?

## FAITH5 SMALL GROUP TIME



**SHARE** highs and lows to set the stage for a more open and meaningful discussion. Pair group members up one-on-one to share the best and worst things that happened this week. After a short while, return to small group and invite each person to share their partner's highs and lows. Encourage youth to write their personal highs and lows, those of their partner, and a short prayer on their FAITH5 Small Group Time Handout.



**READ** and highlight the theme verse, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, in your Bibles and circle key words. A musical version of this Scripture verse can be found at [www.faithink.com](http://www.faithink.com), FINKlink LL03.



**TALK** about how the Bible reading might relate to today's highs and lows. Supplement your discussion with some of the following.

### A. IMAGES IN WORDS AND ART

Take a look at the theme art and cartoons. What do you see in the art? Ask youth where they are in the art. How might the art and the theme verse apply to your group highs and lows today?

### B. CATECHISM ENCOUNTER

Search the Holy Communion section for Luther's answers to the question, "What are the benefits of Holy Communion?"

## C. QUESTIONS TO PONDER

**1. List five kinds of addictions people your age can have. What advice would you give to a friend who confessed an addiction to you and asked for help? What part can Christ play in their freedom?** Affirm all thoughtful answers. Addictions can take over our lives and destroy us. Christ comes to those in trouble through the love and care of others.

**2. What does Holy Communion have to do with Passover?** Jesus took the ancient Passover meal of remembrance and transformed it into a new meal of freedom, power and hope.

**3. What does taking Holy Communion have to do with freedom?** Holy Communion is a meal of freedom from death. Christ, himself, comes to us in, with, and under the bread and wine to give us life—freedom from death.

**D. QUOTATIONS** Ask youth to choose a quotation and share their thoughts and questions about it.

**E. TERMS OF THE WEEK** Review these key terms and write definitions.

**Angel of Death:** Passed over the land of Egypt, killing the first-born son in every household. In the homes of the faithful who had covered their door posts with the blood of a sacrificial lamb, the children were spared.

**Lamb of God:** Another name for Jesus, referring to his role as a sacrificial lamb atoning for our sins.

**Moses:** The Hebrew prophet and lawgiver who led the Israelites out of Egypt.

**Passover:** The celebration of freedom remembering when the angel of death passed over the houses of the faithful but killed the first-born of the unfaithful (the Egyptians). This event ultimately set Israel free from slavery.

**Remembrance:** The act or process of remembering something or someone.

## F. GROUP BUSINESS

**1. Servant Event Idea:** Set up a blood drive at your church or invite a guest from the Red Cross or local hospital to come in and talk about the importance of giving blood. What are the benefits of giving blood?

**2. FAITH5 Home Huddle:** Encourage youth to take a few minutes for FAITH5 with their families each night at home, using the FAITH5 Journals or the Home Huddle Handout.

**G. WRAP UP** Summarize the event with your group, assigning someone to share what you learned at closing.

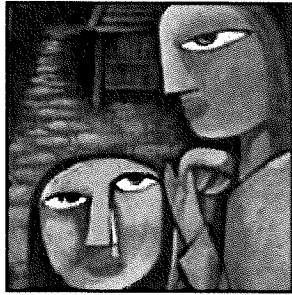
- One new thing we learned today
- One thing we already knew that is worth repeating
- One thing we would like to know more about
- The highest highs and lowest lows which our group will bring to the closing prayer



**PRAY** for one another. Praise and thank God for your highs. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you in your lows. Include your friend's highs and lows in your prayers. Toss a newspaper into the center of the group or invite youth to think of something going on in the world that calls for prayer. **Tip:** Gather in a circle. Hold hands, lock arms or go shoulder-to-shoulder to bond your group!



**BLESS** one another by name. Trace a cross on each hand or forehead. Look them in the eyes and give them a smile. As for their blessing as well!



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Keep your family communicating every night and grow together in insight, love and understanding. Use the Youth Handout and this simple 5-step process just before bed for maximum impact. Learn more about these easy and effective family communication tools at [www.faith5.org](http://www.faith5.org).



**SHARE** your highs and lows of the day.



**READ** and highlight these verses—one a day—in your Bible.

- Day 1 1 Corinthians 10:16a
- Day 2 1 Corinthians 10:16b
- Day 3 1 Corinthians 10:17
- Day 4 Exodus 12:3, 5a, 6a
- Day 5 Exodus 12:7, 13
- Day 6 Exodus 12:14
- Day 7 Review 1 Corinthians 10:16-17



**TALK** about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows.



**PRAY** for one another. Praise and thank God for today's highs. Ask the Holy Spirit for help with today's lows. Include highs and lows of your family, friends and world in this prayer. Close in Jesus' name.



**BLESS** one another with the sign of the cross and these words:

May the presence of the living Christ be real to you this day and give you forgiveness, power and peace. In his name. Amen.



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## ONLINE RESOURCES

Use the code (left) to access interactive games, Bible songs, and additional devotions on this theme.