

# What we believe: About Communion (1 Cor 11:17-34)

**Welcome** (10 mins)

What is the favorite meal in your household and why?

**Worship** (10 mins)

**Sing:** [New wine \(chords\)](#)

**Word** (30 mins)

1. Looking at verses 17 to 22 what caused Paul to write this section on the Lord's supper?
2. Who started the practice of the Lord's supper? (v23)
3. What is the significance of the bread in the context of the Lord's Supper?
4. What is the significance of the cup in the context of the Lord's Supper?
5. Why do we participate in the Lord's Supper? (v25-26)
6. What is the likely result if we partake in the Lord's supper in an unworthy manner? What does this tell us about how serious it is to take it?
7. What guidelines did Paul set down for them to help them honor the Lord's Supper?

**Wonder** (5-10 mins)

We are currently in a season of lent, anticipating Easter and celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection. While we celebrate the Lord's Supper together with an ordained minister administering the bread and wine, as a group it may be significant to take some time to remember what

Christ has done for us on the cross. You may want to enjoy a meal together as an act of unity and fellowship.

**Witness** (5-10 mins)

One of the important lessons from this passage is to not exclude others. Our ministry focus for this month is Welcome ministry. Last year we had 138 people attend our welcome parties. As a group, consider how you may be able to help outsiders or newcomers feel a part of our community here at CCK.

# What we believe: About Baptism (Acts 8:26-40)

## Welcome (10 mins)

When you hear the word initiation ceremony, what do you think of?

## Worship (10 mins)

Sing: [In view of \(Konke\)](#) ([Chords](#))

## Word (30 mins)

Read: Acts 8:26-40; Acts 16:11-15; and Acts 16: 29- 33

Baptism is an outward expression of an inward transformation.

1. From these passages what are the requirements for baptism?
2. Look at verse 36. What feelings underlie the eunuch's question? Why does he feel this way?
3. In all these passages baptism is preceded by faith in Jesus Christ. How does this warn us from making baptism (christening) merely a cultural rite of passage?
4. Read Matt 28:18-20. How does Jesus' great commission broaden our understanding of how baptism fits in?

## Wonder (5-10 mins)

Spend some time as a group reading out loud some of the Anglican liturgy for baptism.

What strikes you? What promises do you want to give thanks for?

*We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.*

*In it we are buried with Christ in his death.*

*By it we share in his resurrection.*

*Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.*

*Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,*

*we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.*

*Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again.*

*Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith*

*and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;*

*to whom with you and the Holy Spirit*

*be all honour and glory, now and forever.*

## Witness (5-10 mins)

On the 31st March we are having both child and adult baptisms. If you are considering being baptized, please get in touch with Guy or MJ.

## What we believe: About Inherited Sin (Genesis 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19)

### Welcome (10 mins)

Who do you take after in your temperament, your mother or your father?

### Worship (10 mins)

Sing: [Jesus Paid It All \(chords\)](#)

### Word (30 mins)

Read Genesis 3:1-7 and Romans 5:12-19

1. Take a large piece of paper and make two columns, 'Adam' and 'Christ'. Write down any words from the Romans 5 passage that you associate with either of them. Using these words, how would you summarise **Adam** in one sentence, and **Christ** in another?
2. Before DNA testing proved the likelihood of a single source for all of humankind, Paul was saying that the disease of sin came from a single source: Adam. What struck you from the Genesis reading that perhaps you hadn't noticed before?
3. How has the sin of Adam affected his descendants to the present day? How would you describe this in medical terms? A disease? An epidemic?
4. From chapter 5, what do you see that God has done through Jesus for us? How does this add to your understanding of God's grace?

### Wonder (5-10 mins)

Sometimes we can see patterns of ungodly behaviour that have been passed down through our family. SOZO is a CCK prayer ministry which helps us break these unhealthy generational behaviours. Spend some time asking the Lord to show you what patterns He wants to break. You could use this SOZO prayer as a guide:

*Lord, I confess that.....participated in ..... (name of activity)*

*WAIT ON GOD*

*I ask your forgiveness and I renounce all that activity.*

*Lord Jesus I take back the ground and the authority they gave to the enemy.*

*I cancel all assignments and bondage the enemy has against me, from ten generations above me and ten generations below me.*

*I take back all control and authority of my life.*

*I give all authority of my life to You. In the name of Jesus Christ.*

### Witness (5-10 mins)

**Watch [THIS VIDEO](#) as a group.** Our Outreach Partner for the month is UTurn, an NPO which equips people with the skills to overcome homelessness.

Have an honest discussion about what both excites and scares you about homestays. Is there anyone in your group bold enough to explore more about homestays? If so, pray together for discernment. To explore further, speak to your small group leader and email [yvonne@cck.org.za](mailto:yvonne@cck.org.za) for more information.

## What we believe: About the finished work of the Cross

## (Romans 5:1-11)

### Welcome (10 mins)

In your family, who tried to keep the peace?

### Worship (10 mins)

What do you cling to in desperate moments? David wrote Psalm 63 when he was in the Judean desert, hiding from his own son who was trying to kill him. A strange time to write a worship song, yet there it is.

Ask someone in the group to read Psalm 63:1-8 aloud. Notice David's desperation in his circumstances. Observe how he recalls precious moments where he experienced the glory and presence of God. See how he makes a firm commitment to praise God in the future. Listen to the powerful words in verse 8 - David clings to God as if his life depended on it (and it really did). As followers of Jesus we cling to Him, His work on the cross really is our only hope. We are lost without Him. Read the passage quietly to yourself once more, then sing or listen to this beautiful worship song about clinging to Jesus:

[Cling to Christ \(chords\)](#)

### Word (30 mins)

- 1) According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, "*Justification is the action of declaring or making righteous in the sight of God.*" How does "justification" change things in our relationship with God according to verses 1 & 2?

- 2) How does Paul describe humanity's condition before Christ in verses 6,8 & 10? How has this changed?
- 3) If you had to create a bumper sticker for a car based on verses 7 & 8 - what would it say?
- 4) What happened to the wrath of God talked about in verse 9? How does it make you feel?
- 5) How much of God's peace and hope need to begin with a feeling and how much must begin with head knowledge and a conscious claiming of peace and hope?

### Wonder (5-10 mins)

In the lead up to Good Friday, we want to stop and reflect on the finished work of the Cross. Use your imagination and find enough materials for each member of your group to make a small cross. Spend time reflecting on this passage, while making your cross and listen to this worship song by Chris Tomlin called "[When I survey](#)"

### Witness (5-10 mins)

Easter is just around the corner - who could you invite to one of our Easter weekend services? Spend some time as a group thinking and praying about this. Check out [cck.org.za/easter](http://cck.org.za/easter) for more details.

# What we believe About the Father Heart of God (Luke 15:11-32)

**Welcome** (10 mins)

Can you describe your father in one word? Why that word?

**Worship** (10 mins)

Sing: [Good Good Father](#)

**Word** (30 mins)

Read Luke 15:11-32.

1. What stages does the younger son go through on his pilgrimage?
2. What brings him to his senses? What does he realise then? With what sort of attitude does he approach his father?
3. How does the father receive his son? Why?
4. How does the older brother feel about his younger brother's return? Why?
5. How does the father answer the older brother's objection? What does this say about the father's heart towards his two, very different sons?

**Wonder** (5-10 mins)

We have all had very different experiences of fathers; some of us may have experienced closeness and affirmation, others may have experienced neglect or even abuse, and

yet others had no father figure at all. In pairs, compare yourself to the two brothers in this story, who are you most like? Why?

How have you experienced God as similar to this father? If you are longing for a deeper experience of his heart for you, this is a good time as a group to ask the Holy Spirit to come and minister the love of the Father to one another, by inviting Him to come with a simple prayer "*Lord, speak to me; Lord, meet me at the point of my need; reveal Yourself to me; reveal Your Father heart to me*"

**Witness** (5-10 mins)

Why not spend some time waiting on God to show you as a group who you could invite to the next Alpha, starting on Wednesday 17th April at 7pm at CCK. More details and download the digital invites at: [cck.org.za/alpha](http://cck.org.za/alpha)

# About How God Guides Us (Acts 16:1-10)

## Welcome (10 mins)

Have you ever been lost in a strange or new environment? How did you find your way?

## Worship (10 mins)

Sing: [The Dove \(Chords\)](#)

## Word (30 mins)

Paul and Silas set out on a second missionary journey to visit the cities that Paul had preached in earlier. This time they set out over land rather than sea. The Spirit told them not to go into Asia, so they turned north to Bithynia and again the Spirit said no. So they turned west into Mysia and down to Troas

The Alpha course suggests there are five main ways that God guides us:

- Commanding Scripture
- Compelling Spirit (the Holy Spirit)
- Counsel of the Saints (the Church)
- Circumstantial Signs
- Common Sense

1. How do you see these played out in verses 1-10?
2. Looking at the first of the five ways that God guides us (**Commanding Scripture**); have you read anything in the Bible that has challenged an aspect of your

beliefs or behaviour? What impact has it had on your life?

3. In what three ways did the Holy Spirit guide Paul and Silas in verses 6-10? Have you ever experienced similar leading from the Holy Spirit?
4. In verse 4 we see the **Counsel of the saints** at play. Proverbs tells us that "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed." (Proverbs 15:22). How do you think God guides us through wisdom and experience from fellow believers?
5. What are some of the dangers of elevating **circumstantial signs** and **common sense** above the first three ways we have seen God guiding us? How does God's word help us to discern these two?

## Wonder (5-10 mins)

Small groups are an ideal environment for us to practise listening to God for one another. Break into threes and spend just a minute asking God what he is saying over each person. Trust that God will speak to you! Is it encouraging? Is it strengthening? Is it comforting? (1 Cor 14:3) If so, then share *whatever* comes to your mind! Trust that the Lord really wants to bless this person through you.

## Witness (5-10 mins)

This month our mission partners are [Global Evangelism Ministries](#), which does Evangelism and mission training in Lesotho. They have 3 prayer points:

1. Their work to create material for illiterate people to be equipped and trained.

2. Praise for protection during a recent car accident, and provision for a new vehicle.
3. A helper for an administrative role.