

QUESTIONS FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. The tenderness of our Lord is reflected in this passage. Who is standing at the cross watching the crucifixion? Who is noticeably missing? What are Christ's executioners doing as Christ is being crucified? How is this a small microcosm of the world's view of Christ?
2. This scene of Mary at the cross and the soldiers fulfills what prophecies? There are two.
3. What does Jesus say to His mother? How does this present both His obedience to the Law and His compassion? Why is John and not one of Jesus's brothers chosen for Mary's care?
4. These actions are reflective of an even greater truth. Read Deuteronomy 32:9-10; Psalm 17:8 and Zechariah 2:8. How is God's care for His people different than His care for the world?

PREPARING FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 96, 97

Q: What is the Lord's Supper?

A: The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is shewed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.

Q: What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper?

A: It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

How do we prepare our hearts for the Lord's Table?

1. Come in reverence and worship.
2. Meditate upon the suffering and death of Christ on our behalf.
(John 19:16-30; I Peter 3:18)
3. Examine your heart before God. He as your Savior. You as a sinner yet His child.
4. Have sorrow and repentance for your sin.
5. Look to Christ for forgiveness.
6. Receive by faith His grace through the receiving of His supper.
7. Feast upon Him as He is offered in the Gospel message.
8. Rejoice and give thanks for His love and grace.
9. Renew your commitment to glorify and love Him daily.

Communion Sunday LISTENING TO THE CROSS: III HIS WORDS OF COMPASSION (John 19:16-27)

I. Near and Far His Faithfulness

II. Mary at the Cross

III. His Compassion and Protection

1. For _____

2. For _____

3. For _____