

Learn for yourself about Communion (the Lord's Supper)

1. Is the Lord's Supper described in all four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)? Note the similarities and differences in these accounts? Consider the order of events and specific words used.
2. What was the occasion of the Lord's Supper? (i.e., what Jewish holiday was being celebrated and how might that be significant for understanding the meaning of Communion?)
3. Where else in the New Testament is Communion mentioned? What teaching about Communion is given there?
4. Where do you think the terms "The Lord's Supper" and "Communion" come from?
5. Based on your understanding from these Scriptures alone, how do you think Communion should be practiced by Christians? To answer this question, imagine that you are the spiritual leader (elder) of a new church fellowship composed of new believers who don't know anything about church traditions. It's entirely up to you to suggest a biblical way to put this into practice. Be as specific and detailed as possible.
6. Learn more about what Christian Churches (i.e., those in the Restoration tradition) believe about the practice of Communion and why. Ask your parents or an "elder" (an actual elder or any older person who has been part of this church for a long time).