

Session 5: The Last Supper - The Cost of Commitment



Putting Yourself in the Picture

This painting by Walter Rane depicts Jesus' final teachings in a setting of a traditional Passover meal.

- Read Mark 14:17-31 and/or Luke 22:14-34. Jesus reinterprets the symbolism of the Passover.

In the picture, Jesus reveals a betrayer. How do the disciples react? What is your attitude towards Judas?

What is Jesus' concern about the disciples' dispute over their status? How is it reflected in today's church?

- Read John 13:1-16. In this version John names the betrayer and relates the washing of the feet.

Who normally washed the feet of guests? How did this change the meaning and status of discipleship?

How does Peter's reaction inform today's need for servant discipleship?

- Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. This letter was written by Paul before the gospel accounts.

How is this passage the basis for our understanding of communion? What do the words mean for you?

In the last verse Paul alludes to the 'second coming'. What is your understanding of current church tradition?