

We've decided to always share the Gospel message with each of you every time you come here. And maybe for you this is your first time hearing the gospel. We're so glad you're here. If you've been coming for a while we use this acronym to help you remember so you can go out and reach and teach other students about what Jesus for us. Here's the Gospel story

God created us to be with Him. When God created you, He created as a unique masterpiece. We can't emphasize that enough, but you are a masterpiece created by the King of the Universe. And when He created everything, it was perfect. But then through our own free will, we walked away from it.

Our sins separate us from God. And that's why we're in this broken world with broken people - living in a broken system. And there's only one thing we can do.

Because **Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.** Like no matter what we do, sin has left us broken. Sin leaves a permanent mark on us. But God gave us one way to remove that mark.

Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.

Jesus has made a way for us to get into Heaven. There's no other way to have a restored relationship with God. The good news of the Gospel is that Jesus came to rescue us from sin and repair our relationship with God, so we can play a part in His plan to restore the rest of the world.

And that's why we celebrate communion. If you've decided you're a follower of Jesus, you are welcome to take the elements as we prepare to take it together.

(ask two students to help pass out communion)

(make sure you get communion too!)

Before we take communion, let's take some time to silently reflect and pray for anything we need to confess to God so our hearts and minds can be focused on Him....

The verses begin with talking about the bread and how it represents Jesus' broken body. We take the bread to remember what He did for us. To celebrate the fact that we can now have eternal peace and joy. The night before the cross He had a last meal with His closest disciples called the Last Supper. He would then be betrayed by one of those disciples. He would be betrayed by a friend for money and be turned over to people who hated His message. And then He put Himself through the cross, the beatings, the crown of thorns, nails through the hands, and death for us. And when He rose 3 days later, He defeated death – claiming it has no hold on us but that we are free!

At the last supper, here's what we are told:

..On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Cor 11:23-24 nlt)

LET'S TAKE THE BREAD

The next verses talk about the meaning of the wine which we have juice for. It represents the new promise God made for us through Jesus. That if we believe in Him, we can have eternal life. We celebrate communion to remember the sacrifice, the promise, and why we decided to follow Jesus.

Here's what the Bible says next:

In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it." 26For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again. (1 Cor 11:25-26 nlt)

LET'S TAKE THE JUICE

John 3:16 says:

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (nlt)

God loves us all so much, that **Everyone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life.** Everyone everywhere has this amazing opportunity regardless of who you are, what you’ve done, where you come from, what others say about you, or what you may think about yourself. Everyone has this opportunity.

And this life, like experiencing the fullness of life Jesus offers, can start now. **Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.**

And if you’re hearing this for the first time, we want you to know that it’s okay to have some questions. But if you understand the basic points about God and Jesus, we encourage you to put your trust in Jesus if you haven’t already. It’s important to know that He paid the price required, so you could have a relationship with God. If you’d like to trust in Jesus today, pray to Him and let Him know. And then we’d encourage you to talk to one of our leaders before you leave. If you’re ready to get baptized, let us know. If you’re not sure how to repent and turn back to God, we can walk with you. And if you’re here and just need prayer, we’d be happy to pray with you. We’d be love to walk with you on the next steps of your faith journey. Now let’s gather at the prayer table to pray....

(Say a prayer for the names written down on the table and for everyone here)