

"THE CUP OF CELEBRATION"
Series: The Cup of Life
Questions for The Path Sermon
April 24, 2011

What was the last family celebration you were a part of? What was the celebration about? How did you celebrate? How do we celebrate Easter?

Read Matthew 28:1-10. How does knowing the end of the story, help us to celebrate at Easter?

What is the story of the first Passover in Egypt? Have the class tell different parts of the story.

How does knowing the story of the Passover help in understanding what happened in the passion narrative of Jesus? Read Exodus 6:6-8. How do the 4 cups relate to what God has done in Christ?

- 1) "I will bring you out from your burdens" – the Cup of Sanctification;
- 2) "I will deliver you from your bondage," – the Cup of Praise and Deliverance;
- 3) "I will redeem you – I will buy you back as my own," – the Cup of Blessing & Redemption
- 4) "I will take you as my people" – The Cup of Completion.

What is the Cup of Elijah? If the cup of Elijah contained all of these cups and Jesus served it as "the blood of the New Covenant," What significance might the Cup of Elijah be? Why would this be considered a Cup of Celebration, even before anything happened?

Read Matthew 26:29. What did Jesus mean? What is the Wedding feast of the Lamb?

What do we have to celebrate today? What does Christ pour into us where we become the Cup of Celebration? What does Dr. Martin mean by, "We win, because He won for you"?