



Communion MILESTONE

5th-6th Grade Sunday School Class

"Do I love Jesus & desire to be part of His family?"

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HFFBC Student Ministries

MILESTONES

An Intentional Journey with Children/Youth to Build Faith that Lasts a Lifetime



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What is MILESTONES?

Milestones is not a new program. Rather, it is a *path* for children, youth, parents & the church at-large to walk on together. It aims to put children & youth at the center of church life, celebrating 'rites of passage' (developmental & spiritual) in special ways as the whole church. Its aim is to build in students a faith in Christ & a love for the Church that lasts a lifetime.

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Who is MILESTONES for?

PARENTS	STUDENTS	THE CHURCH
Milestones facilitates partnership with parents as they disciple their children at home.	Milestones celebrates opportunities for children & youth to be increasingly involved in church life.	Milestones encourages every member of the congregation to champion and learn from students as they grow in faith.

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The MILESTONES Path

Communion (5-6th grade)

- There is a special week in the 5-6 grade Sunday School class for students & parents that teaches about Communion & thoughtful participation in the larger body of Christ.
- **SQ:** "Do I love Jesus & desire to be part of His family?"



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Coming to the Lord's Table



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To Parents - why are you here?!

How should I prepare to bring my kids to the Table?

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The responsibility of parents regarding the Lord's Supper is to...

1. **Not to provoke** your kids (Col. 3:21), but to instead...
2. **Pray** for & **raise** your kids to know the Lord & His ways (Eph. 6:4)
3. **Imitate** to your kids what **true repentance & forgiveness** looks like (Matt. 18)
4. **Communicate** intentionally about sin & grace
5. **Rejoice, pray, & give thanks** as a family continually (1 Thess. 5:15-17)
6. **Celebrate** your kids' growing faith & imitate it! (Luke 18)
7. **Bring them to the Church** for the meal

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To Students - why are you here?!

When can I participate in this meal?

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You can *truly participate* in the Lord's Supper when...

You **desire** to take part in it & trust in Jesus

"But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." **Luke 18:16-17**

You **understand** what the meal is & what trusting in Jesus means

"This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." **1 Corinthians 11:23-24**

You have **talked it through** with your believing parents

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise)" **Ephesians 6:1-2**

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Question 46

What is the Lord's Supper?

Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him and his death. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in his Father's kingdom.

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Question 47

Does the Lord's Supper add anything to Christ's atoning work?

No, Christ died once for all. The Lord's Supper is a covenant meal celebrating Christ's atoning work; as it is also a means of strengthening our faith as we look to him, and a foretaste of the future feast. But those who take part with unrepentant hearts eat and drink judgment on themselves.

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13 It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he **loved** them to the end.

2 The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. **3** Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; **4** so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. **5** After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

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6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

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10 Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." **11** For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

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12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. **13** "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. **14** Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. **15** I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. **16** Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. **17** Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

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*Do you see the love of Jesus &
your great need to be cleansed by
Him?*

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in need of forgiveness

Matthew 26:14-16

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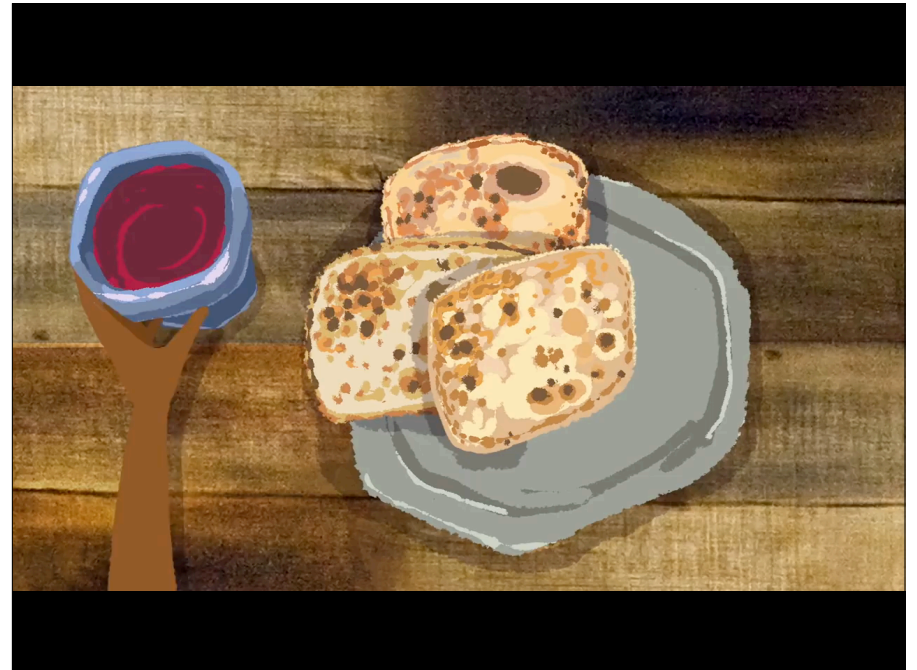
14 Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests **15** and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. **16** From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

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*Do you see the sinful allures of
your own heart?*

*As we come to the Lord's Table,
we must ask ourselves -
what sins am I bringing with me?*

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The Lord's Supper

Communing with Jesus

Matthew 26:26-29



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26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

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27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. **28** This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many **for the forgiveness of sins.** **29** I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

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Do you desire to take part in this meal that Jesus offers to everyone?

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1. Jesus - the Bread of Life

John 6:35, 48-56

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35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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48 I am the bread of life. **49** Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. **50** But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. **51** I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

52 Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

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53 Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. **54** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. **55** For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. **56** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them.

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2. Jesus - the Vine

John 15:5-13

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5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. **6** If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. **7** If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. **10** If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. **11** I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. **12** My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

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3. Communion

Being One With God

John 17:20-26

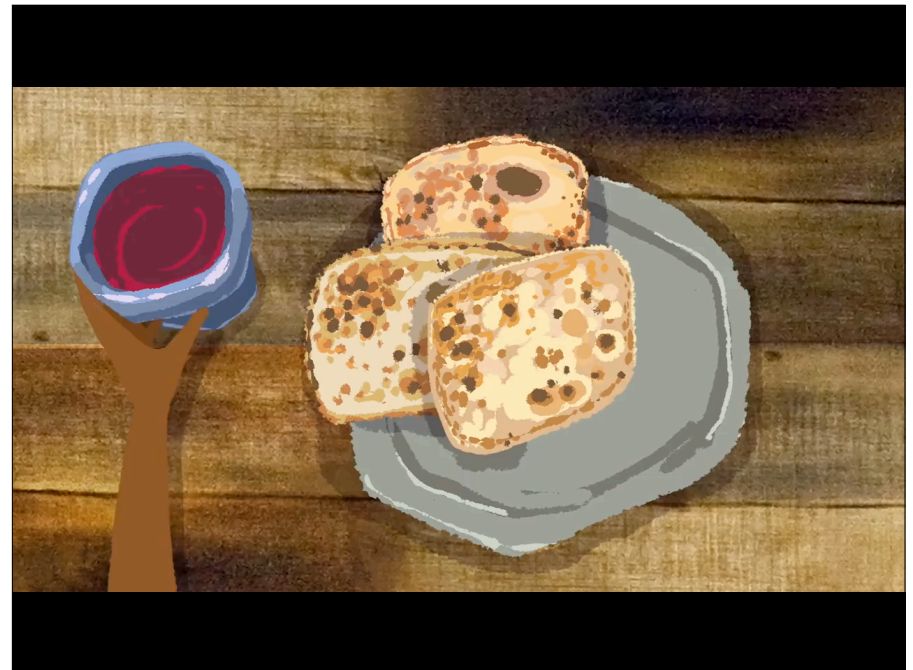
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20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, **21** that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. **22** I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one — **23** I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

24 "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

25 "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. **26** I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

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*Do you understand what the
Lord's Supper symbolizes,
how much Jesus has done for
you out His love for you,
& that Jesus is offering you deep
fellowship with Himself?*

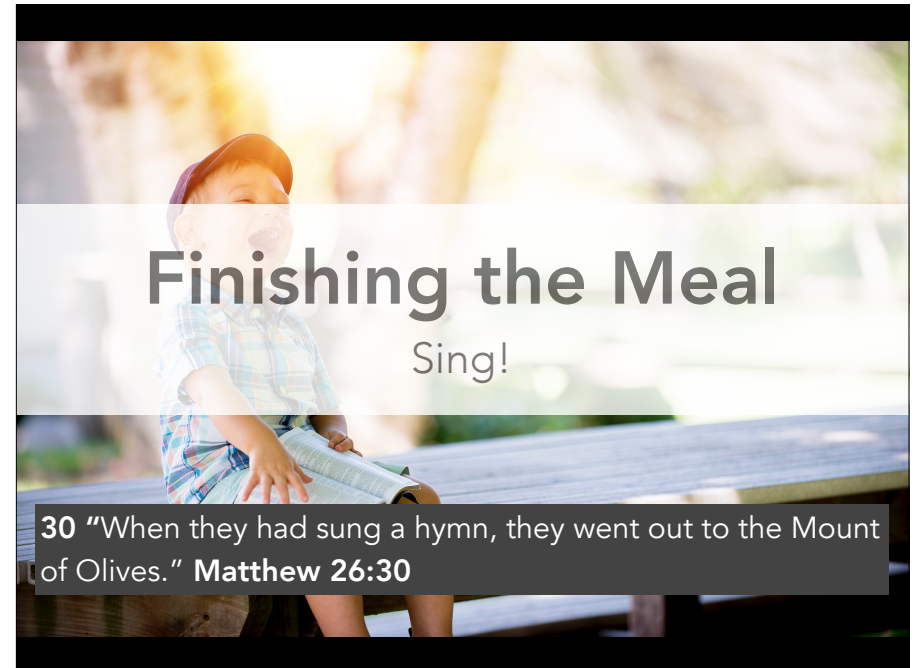
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Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound!
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
T'was blind but now I see

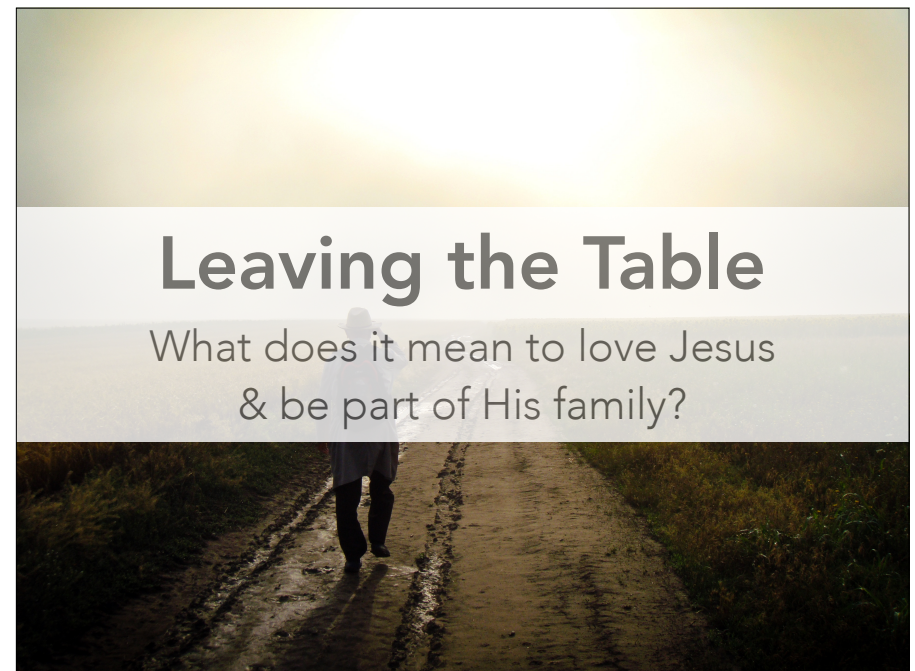
T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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Following Jesus means:

Dropping everything for Him

"As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him."

Matthew 4:18-22

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Following Jesus means:

Confessing your allegiance to Jesus

"And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." **Mark 8:29**

"if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." **Romans 10:9**

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
1 John 1:9

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Following Jesus means:

Sacrificially living for Jesus & not yourself

"Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it."

Mark 8:34-35

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Following Jesus means:

Recognizing that you'll fail Him

"A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest... Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death." "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me."

Luke 22:24, 33-34

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Following Jesus means:

Recognizing His grace
(He doesn't give up on you!)

"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:9

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Following Jesus means:

Consistently remembering
Jesus' work on the cross for you

"... do this in remembrance of me..."

1 Corinthians 11:24-25

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Following Jesus means:

Consistently centering your life
around Jesus' work on the cross for all

"For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

1 Corinthians 11:26

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Following Jesus means:

Consistently examining your sinful heart

"So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves."

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

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Following Jesus means:

Encouraging fellow believers
by coming together as the church in unity

"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

Hebrews 10:19-25

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Following Jesus means:

Consistently participating in
the life of the church

"So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together."

1 Corinthians 11:33

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*Do you desire to follow
Jesus in that way?*

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The Heavenly Feast with God

"Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to **the marriage supper of the Lamb.**" And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

Revelation 19:6-9

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Next Communion Sunday is
in **2 weeks** on **March 4**

Before then,

- 1) **talk openly** about faith & struggles
- 2) **pray** together
- 3) Come each 1st Sunday ready to **remember**, to **participate**, & to **celebrate** Christ's work!

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Q & A

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