

What if you have more questions?

While we believe the Scripture teaches us that the act of remembering the Lord is the collective act and responsibility of a local church, we welcome visitors to observe and to compare what they see with New Testament teaching.

We invite you to please stay for coffee or tea and refreshments after this meeting. We would very much welcome any further questions you might have.

We invite you to join us at other meetings of our church and for further information on what we believe, please feel free to take a copy of our pamphlet ***"WHO ARE WE?; WHAT DO WE BELIEVE? AND WHAT DO WE PRACTICE?"***.

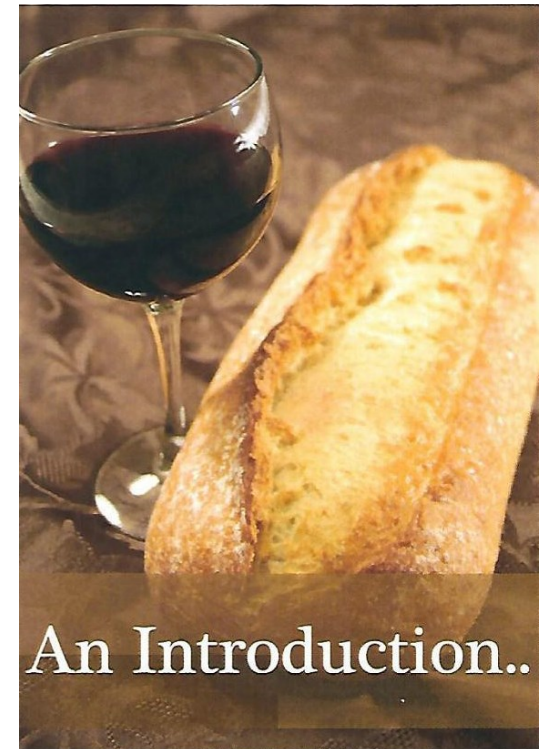
Thank you very much for joining us today.

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An Introduction..

**to our
Breaking of Bread
or
Remembrance Meeting**

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WELCOME!

We are pleased you are visiting us this morning. We provide this small pamphlet to help you understand the format of the service you will observe.



What will you see?

In the centre of the room, you will see a small table and on the table a loaf of bread and a container of wine. There is nothing special about these items, they are symbolic only and are usually purchased from local stores.

You will notice that no one stands at the front and leads the service. This is because we believe the Holy Spirit Himself is the leader and as such we wait for Him to direct and control all that takes place. As a result, the hymns and prayers are not pre-arranged, but different Christians rise, as directed by the Holy Spirit and give out a hymn, pray or read from the Bible.

Only the men pray audibly or read from the Scriptures. Although we believe that all believers, regardless of gender or any other criteria are equal before the Lord, the Bible tells us there are different roles for each in the Church. You will notice that women cover their heads and men uncover their heads. This is deliberate and in obedience to the Lord's command (I Corinthians 11). Just as we deem the bread and wine have symbolic significance, so does the concept of headship which we practice.

At an appropriate time, a man will rise and pray, giving thanks for the bread on the table. The bread will then be distributed and each believer in the fellowship will take a portion as we read in I Corinthians 11:14. Similarly, a man will rise and pray, giving thanks for the cup of wine. Then, as part of the worship given to God, each member of the church can make a voluntary and private offering as a collection bag is passed, as we read in I Corinthians 16:2.

In the last segment of the service, and depending on time available, a man may stand up and read from the Bible and speak further about the Lord Jesus. This will be followed by current announcements and a final prayer.

Who is invited to participate?

As a visitor this morning, you are welcome to observe what we do. In accordance to what we read in the Bible, participants of the service this morning are those:

- Who are born again through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 15:1-4; I Peter 1:21-23) and,
- Who are baptized after salvation as a public testimony to their relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 2:41, 8:36-38; Romans 6:3-5), and,
- Who have been formally accepted into our Church already or who are visiting from another established Church that shares our beliefs as shown by either of an appropriate letter of introduction or a personal recommendation (Romans 16:1-2, Acts 9:26-29).

What is the purpose of this service?

The purpose of this service is to offer worship and praise in prayer, song and reading from the Bible to thank God for giving His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who offered Himself at the cross of Calvary to provide payment for our sins.

Why do we hold this service?

We do so as requested by the Lord Jesus prior to His crucifixion and to which we find reference in various scriptures in the Bible. We read the testimonies of Matthew, Mark, Luke and Paul that, when the Lord Jesus established this ordinance, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to His disciples with the explanation, "This is My body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:19). Next, He indicated the significance of the cup: "This cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you" (Luke 22:20). Some pertinent references are Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25 and I Corinthians 11:24.