



REMEMBER THE CROSS



Skill

Remember the Cross is consistently returning individually and in community to the sacrifice Jesus the Messiah made through His flesh and blood to deliver us.

Design

Remember the Cross (bread/cup) > The loaf of bread and cup illustrate the communion elements Jesus used at the Last Supper fellowship meal with His disciples to prepare them for His death and resurrection. The **sketch** is also a loaf of bread and cup. We eat the bread to remember His beaten and crushed body, and we drink from the cup to remember His blood covering our sins.

Story

The Last Supper (Matthew 26:20-30)

This story demonstrates Remember the Cross as a kingdom skill because we clearly see Jesus giving instructions for and modeling this church ordinance with His faithful, few disciples. Even though Jesus knew Judas would betray Him and all of His disciples would desert Him, He loved them unconditionally, ate His last meal together with them, and planted seeds of hope into their hearts that He would redeem them all completely after His resurrection.

Scriptures

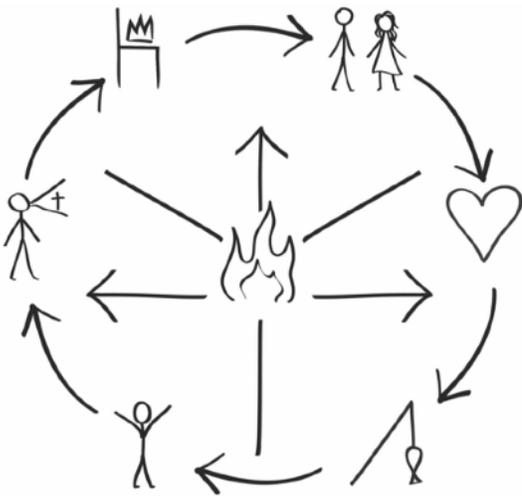
Isaiah 53:5 > He was pierced because of our transgressions, crushed because of our sins; punishment for our peace was upon Him, and we are healed by His wounds.

Luke 22:19-20 > Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to His disciples, and said, "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way, He also took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant established by My blood shed for you."

Lesson Summary

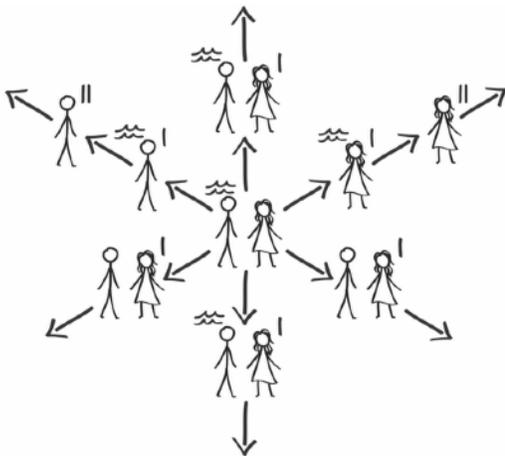
Remember the Cross involves a strategic focus upon the crucified Christ. The Apostle Paul told the Corinthian Church that his focus was only on Jesus and His crucifixion (1 Corinthians 2:1-4). Jesus used the eating of His flesh and drinking of His blood story to filter through all of His followers and find the ones devoted to Him through faith and covenant rather than signs and wonders or good teaching (John 6:53-66). As with baptism, taking communion together is a fellowship activity where we preach Jesus' death and resurrection gospel and remember our Master's sacrifice (1 Corinthians 11:20-26).

Gathering Guide



- Holy Spirit (fire): Let the Spirit guide your meeting.
- **Step One** (back arrow): Last week questions.
- Abide (worshipper): How did you abide last week?
- Harvest (witness): Whom did you share with?
- **Step Two** (up arrow): Discover this week's skill in Scripture as you discuss the Bible story.
- God (throne/crown): What do we learn about God?
- People (man/woman): What do we learn about people?
- Practice: Practice telling this week's story in groups.
- **Step Three** (forward arrow): Next week questions.
- Abide (heart): How will you abide?
- Harvest (fishing): Whom will you share with?

Generations Map



- People of Peace (people/arrows): Draw your disciples and their disciples. Share recent stories of how you and your team are engaging lost people.
- Baptism (waves): Update your map with those who have been baptized. What is the next step for each disciple who still needs to be baptized or become a baptizer by experience?
- Generations (number lines): Update your map with generations. How can we pray for this movement?