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**Abounding Grace: Belonging
Table Speeches**

1 Corinthians 11:26

For Discussion and Reflection

1. Jesus says that when we partake of his table, we “do this in remembrance of me.” What is Jesus urging us to remember? His person? His actions? Why do we need to remember him?
2. Jesus says that the broken bread and the poured wine present to us his body. He is presenting the evidence of his incarnation or his humanity. Why does he draw attention to his humanity? Consider the Apostle’s argument in Hebrews 2 (If you have time to read Hebrews 9,10.).
3. Paul says that when we partake of his table, we are proclaiming his death. One author says, “To proclaim the Lord’s death is to affirm that in Jesus Christ...God’s holy love and our desperate human plight meet redemptively...we gladly acknowledge that neither our emotions nor our morals can stand in their own power...we confidently affirm that God has provided the place where we can stand.” Why is it important to make that proclamation? Who needs to hear that proclamation?
4. The world says, “Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die.” What does the Lord’s table say? Consider Paul’s statement, “you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” 1 Corinthians 11:26
5. One author says, “the Lord’s supper assures us that all of Jesus’ suffering and obedience are definitely ours as if we personally had suffered and made satisfaction for our sins.” How does Paul communicate that in Romans 6:5-11? How does partaking of his body and blood communicate our union with his sacrifice for us?
6. Rehearse the imagery of the rehearsal dinner at a wedding. The marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 6:6-10) is coming after His bride is presented to him without blemish (Ephesians 5:25-27). At the Lord’s table, what does the Father say? What does the Son (bridegroom) say? What do the congregants (Bride) say?
7. The Lord’s table is an important congregational event to nourish us in God’s grace and to affirm to us Christ’s work of redemption. How has your view of the table adjusted? How does the table communicate that you belong to God?
8. Based on our study today, what can you do to grow in God’s grace and experience more of his love for you?