

From Dr. Wierwille in 1975

I wanted every believer in The Way ministry to fellowship in what we refer to as Holy Communion, or the Lord's Supper. In order to do this, the best, at the Twig level is the best place to do it, and I suggested that at all possible it be done at no other place than the Twig level. So I'm going to give you some suggestions on how to do this very effectively so that not only will your people be tremendously blessed, but you will be blessed abundantly as well. I would like to have every Twig leader or coordinator get his people together as a little family, and then to have Holy Communion with them, and he to share his life with his family. Now I'd like to see every Twig coordinator to put this into practice, so think it all through and let's see what a blessing it will be to our people.

On Sunday, April the 18th this year, will be Easter. The Sunday before Easter, the 11th, is Palm Sunday. During that week of the 11th, sometime between Monday the 12th and that Saturday night, including Saturday night, I would like for you to get your Twig together and share with them the great love that Christ had in His heart when He died for them and that you now have in your heart, for your family, which is represented by what we do in the Holy Communion service.

First of all I'd like to recommend to you as a leader or coordinator, that you be sure you have a copy of Studies in Abundant Living, The Word's Way, Volume III. Then go to part IV and read pages 185 - 273. That's all about the day that Jesus Christ died, the cross and the broken body and dealing with the Holy Communion and especially, you leaders, master pages 201 - 218, about did Jesus keep the passover.

You see there are many different little ways you can go with your meeting but be sure that you have everything set up before anybody ever comes to the meeting that night. And be sure to tell your people to be on time because you don't want anybody straggling in after you've started or any doorbells ringing or disturbing it. And start on time, if you set it for 7:30, have your people in. If you set it for 8:00, have in there, you can sit down with your people some time during that service and maybe you'd want to read to them pages 201 - 218. But, should you decide to read that with your people, be sure you can read with real knowledgeable enthusiasm and understanding. But these are things you will have to decide by yourself on how best to lead your people, but you will want the Word of God there, you will want to bless your people so you'll just have to work this Word. And, by the way, this is a good time of the year, to get everybody to reading those chapters in that book that I was talking about, Volume III, Studies in Abundant Living. See, these are your people, and when you meet with them, remember God has given you responsibility for them. And your people, your family has been blessed because you are God's minister to God's Twig people.

Here are a number of things that I think you might think through, yet, every situation may vary a little, so you'll have to be flexible and understanding but all you need to do is think, think, think, think it through and do it the best way you can for your people.

You'll have to have a small table like a coffee table or card table or lamp table, and you as the coordinator of the Twig have to have everything arranged before anyone arrives. Did you get that, before anyone arrives. I suggest you put a nice white cloth over the top of that table. It doesn't have to be linen but if it is linen, that's nice, but that table has to have a nice cloth on it, and it should be white. I've even used a neatly ironed and properly folded white bed sheet over the top of one of my tables, for serving my people Holy Communion.

And then it's nice to have a candle, or preferable, two candles, on that table, Make the atmosphere in that room where you're meeting soft and easy, tender and loving, for that particular night of blessing. And be sure it isn't a long, drawn out meeting like a two hours or something. But give yourself time to do the job that God wants you to do, and then be sure to get it accomplished, and not alot of running around afterwards, alot of loud noises, and yelling and shouting and visiting. I'd like you and your people to quietly afterwards just mediate after that communion, go home, and let this thing dwell in their hearts that night, as best they can. Alone with God and themselves. And remember, you must be very knowledgeable of those records from God's Word in the book that we're talking about, especially that which deals with Holy Communion. You must have these things in your head, so read it and work on it.

Well, get your table set up and it's location, proper, so that people can either sit in chairs comfortably or some may want to sit on the floor front of it, but it has to be arranged and thought through ever carefully.

Have a chalice, now a chalice is like a large loving cup. And have that small loving cup filled about 3/4 full or some with red wine, so that means you'll have to acquire a small bottle of red wine. And fill that chalice, and have it 3/4 filled and set out before anybody gets there, have it on the table properly, and, covered with a napkin, preferable a white linen napkin, if not, just a white paper napkin laid over the top of it is OK also.

Then you'll have to have a small loaf of bread or even just one piece of regular bread, white or brown. But many times what I like to do is get a small French loaf of bread and I lay that out in front of the chalice on a small tray or on a white napkin.

In other words, directly to the people will be the bread, and behind the bread will be the chalice, and then I can sit behind the chalice or behind that table and then I can pick up that bread when it's needed and I can get to the wine when it is needed.

The table covered with a white cloth, remember that? The bread laid out with the chalice behind it, and the horn of plenty on that table, plus two candles, one on each side of the bread and chalice, and red candles are pretty for that occasion, and another thing, don't have the room too brightly lighted, if possible,

candles can be very effectively set throughout the room but be careful and vigilant so nobody knocks them over and you burn up the place.

Sing
Prayer

So, after you've got your table all set and you are in there and your people are in there, then you may want to sing a song or two, have a few choruses and have some prayer with the understanding, lead your people into prayer for specific things like remembering International Headquarters, remembering the WOW's, the Corps, the work in your state, your Limb leaders, and so forth, and then of course, you will have the manifestations also, after which you may want to have another song or chorus.

Read

And then I'm sure sometime during the service, before you get to the communion proper, of sharing it with your people, you will want to read I Corinthians 11, beginning with verse 23 and closing with verse 30.

Pray

Then you may want to have a prayer of blessing over the bread and wine. You know, when I'm ready to give Holy Communion, I usually stand, but there again it is dependent upon the way your group is arranged and set up. You can either stand or sit, but be sure it's comfortable.

Now, if you have covered the bread with a linen cloth also, then, remember you have to take that napkin, that linen napkin, off of that bread, and lay that linen napkin nicely to the side, fold it, don't mess it up, you're not in a hurry, and then you do the same for the napkin over the chalice. Take your time, just fold it nicely and lay it to the side.

Then you pick up that loaf of French bread or that slice of bread in both hands and hold it in your hands. Then you break it into two pieces and right after I've broken it I quote the scripture holding the bread, part of it in one hand and part of it in the other, I quote the scripture, "Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you, for your healing, this do ye in remembrance of me." And remem the broken body was for your healing and for my healing and you can't let yourself forget that.

Then I put $\frac{1}{2}$ of the bread down, or back on the tray, and then I go around and take a little piece of bread, break it out of one of those halves, and put it in the right hand of the believer. And I go from one to the other. Or, I've already just passed it among the people and they've broken off their own pieces. And, they hold it in their right hand until everybody has their piece of bread and then I say to them, "Take, eat" and then we all eat together.

Then you wait about 30 seconds in silent prayer, praying in the spirit, speaking in tongues silently, everybody does this, then I take the cup and I say, holding the cup in my hand, "This cup is the new testament in Christ's blood unto the remission of sins, unto the remission and forgiveness of sins, this do ye in remembrance of me." I then take a sip of the wine out of the cup and then I take this chalice, or loving cup, or, I pass it around but ordinarily I take it around with the napkin in the event that someone would spill a little of it to the side of it, you can wipe the side of the chalice clean with the napkin. And I pass it one to another and take a sip.

And then after everybody has partaken of the cup, I bring the cup back, set it down, cover it and the bread, and then I have a prayer of thanksgiving where I thank God for His Son, Jesus Christ, and that He came and gave His life for us, and that these symbols of the broken bread and of the cup are indicative of what He accomplished for us, and made available to us.

And after that perhaps you can sing a chorus or two something like, "Peace, Peace," or "My Jesus, I Love Thee," or "Yes, It Is Jesus." Anything soft and nice, mellow, beautiful. Then you may have a few more prayers of thanksgiving and then just quietly sit for a minute or two. And then you'll have your abundant sharing. God gave so much for you, you and I can never outgive Him. Have a prayer of blessing, a prayer of thanksgiving, and close your meeting and have your people go on their way rejoicing over what God has done for them.

Now, if you have anything further that you feel you need to know regarding this set up, I suggest you get in contact with your Limb or area leader and if you can't get what you need to know that way, write to me and I'll write back to you, but I think I've explained it rather thoroughly if you'll make your notes and listen, think it through what I've said, make your notes off of this tape, one after the other. Maybe you'll have to listen to it 2 or 3 times. Be sure to get that Volume III, Studies in Abundant Living book, and I Corinthians 11. You can put together in a wonderful service that will just bless all of you and God's people.

By the way, before you leave that night, be sure you have an abundant sharing offering which I've already mentioned because it's God's promise that as they give they're going to receive. And God gave His Son, Jesus Christ, and that night should be one of the greatest nights of abundant sharing that you have ever seen in your Twigs.

But you have to prepare your people for this a couple of weeks before. So start talking about that wonderful communion service for the believers immediately. Set your dates, your place and time, and that night is for the Christian family, the believers. It's not a witnessing night, pushing of classes and so forth. It is just for the believers and their families to get together.

So make it great for God's people that it will be the best night that you and your family have ever had, and I assure you that out of it all, you will be blessed more than anybody else.

By the way, as you get this information out to your people, and are encouraging them to do their reading and to getting ready for this wonderful week in your Twig, you be sure to remind them that, that night, nobody can be late for the meeting. If you start the meeting at 7:00, you want everybody in before 7:00, so when you start nobody's going to be ringing doorbells or walking through in front of people or this kind of stuff.

And be sure that when you all get together, the Branch leader with his Twig leaders, that all of you understand and talk this stuff over, and work with one another and even help one another to get the chalice, the cloths and so forth if you have to. In order to make it the most wonderful night you can for God's people.

Well, that's just about it on the instruction on how to do a Holy Communion service at the Twig level. And I've already enjoyed it with you because I just know what a joy and blessing it will be to you. And I surely thank God for you, and for the privilege you have in doing this so beautifully with God's people so you act like God's man, and like God's woman, and you just lead your Twig triumphantly. OK?

God bless you, I love you, you are the Best.