

Drippings of Grace Ministries

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Communion Meditation: Justice for the Marginalized

As we come to the Lord's Table today, we remember that this is a table of grace — open to all, regardless of status, background, or worthiness. It is here that we are reminded of Christ's radical hospitality — a Savior who dined with the outcast, healed the unclean, and lifted the oppressed.

In Luke 22, Jesus shares this final meal with His disciples — not kings or scholars, but fishermen, tax collectors, and doubters. He breaks the bread and says, "*This is my body, given for you.*" He offers the cup and says, "*This is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you.*"

It is a covenant of mercy, but also a covenant of justice. Jesus didn't only die to forgive sins — He died to dismantle barriers, to make peace between peoples, and to reconcile us not only to God, but to one another.

Isaiah 58 tells us that true worship — the kind of fasting God desires — is "*to loose the chains of injustice... to set the oppressed free... to share your bread with the hungry.*" This communion, then, isn't just about remembering Jesus' sacrifice — it's about renewing our commitment to live like Him.

So today, as we take the bread and drink the cup, may we remember those who are still pushed to the margins — the unhoused, the refugee, the incarcerated, the forgotten. May we not only pray for them but stand with them. Work for them. Listen to them.

Because at this table, no one is excluded. And if Christ makes room for all, so must we.

Let us eat, and remember.