

# Home Group Discussion Guide

## The Open Table – Mark 14:12-26

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*The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.*

*The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.*

**Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked**, instead respond to the needs of your group. If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

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### GETTING STARTED

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1. Have you ever visited a new place or group and felt like an awkward outsider? What made you feel that way
2. What experiences have you had around communion?  
Was it something that had rules around who could participate? What were they?

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### REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

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**Key Scripture: Mark 14:12-26; Exodus 12:1-14**

**Read Mark 14:12-16**

1. How does Mark seek to highlight a connection between Jesus and the Passover to his readers?

**Read Exodus 12:1-14**

2. The Passover was a Key Identity Marker for the people of Israel, what could be some examples of key identity markers for people today?
3. How does Jesus shift the focus of this celebration from belonging to one nation/people group, to welcoming **us** to celebrate God's salvation?

**Read Mark 14:17-24**

4. How does it make you feel knowing Jesus was welcoming and inviting Judas to participate in this celebration with Him?
  - a. What is the difference between allowing someone to be involved, and inviting them to participate?

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### RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

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1. Are there ways that you have maybe inadvertently excluded people from communion / participating in Church? How?
2. Is there someone in your world that God is challenging you to welcome in?
  - a. What can you do about that this week?

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### OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

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Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

