

CHURCHRIGHT

Doing church right

The Power of the Church Gathered

"Do this in remembrance of Me." Jesus spoke these words with the cross clearly in view. His imminent death shaping His final instructions to the disciples. They did not understand the significance of His words, and their own sense of confusion they presented them from inquiry.

The Churches of God recently took part in the Lord's Supper. A sense of solemnity certainly marked our gatherings as we remembered Christ's sake for sinners. No words can express His gift, yet, in simple and holy praise, we join the chorus of heaven, "Worthy is the Lamb."

Reflecting on this season also brings us to another moment, when the angel declared, "He is risen! He is not here!" (Mark 16: 6, 7, 8 throughout).

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to ten disciples on the road to Emmaus. As he joined them, notice the context: "They talked . . . conversed and reasoned . . . of all . . . which had happened" (Luke 24:14, 15). This was no light conversation. This was a wrestling with and deep reflection on the things these disciples did not yet understand. Like the Tarsians, they did not comprehend all that God was doing, but despite that, our Lord honored their talking and reasoning by joining their discussion.

Here, then, is the power of the church gathered. Despite our limitations, the Lord – by the power of the Holy Spirit – joins our discussions and opens to us the Scripture and the things concerning Himself (v. 27).

Note also this amazing detail. As they ate with the Lord, "Their eyes were opened and they knew Him" (v. 31, 32). This is the power of the church's fellowship. As we gather in His name to consider Him, Jesus opens our understanding. As we assemble and break bread together, He makes Himself known.

Family of God, do not forget. There is no other place in the world like the church. It is God's sanctuary, His voice, and His people. As we approach our biennial convention and as you read this edition of Churchright all of the events and happenings, make sure you join in whatever and wherever you can, knowing the Lord will meet us there.

— Greg Lusk
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