



## “Forty” Series Questions for Reflection

Part 7: “Communion” by Dave Terpstra  
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What is the most meaningful thing about communion for you?

Why does the Church take communion together? Why do you take communion?

Communion, like all other symbols and traditions in the Church, can become a mindless habit if we are not careful. How can you guard against this happening to communion when you take it?

Read John 24:13-35. When is the moment when the two men that Jesus met realized who he was? What is this trying to communicate to us for today?

Dave mentioned a four-fold pattern that is present in the miracles of feeding the thousands and in the Last Supper he had with his disciples: Take, Bless, Break, Give.

- How do you see these four elements in these passages?

o Matthew 14:13-21

o Matthew 15:29-39

o Luke 22:7-30

- Both Matthew and Luke have used the same words to describe the actions of Jesus.

Perhaps they heard him describe what he did with these very words. What message might they be trying to include in the telling of these events about what it means to be a follower of Jesus?

- How have you seen God take you? Bless you? Break you? Give you to others?

- Think of all the ways that God takes his followers...blesses his followers...breaks his followers...gives his followers to others.

What might God want you to think, feel, or do in response to this communion teaching?

