



Summer Essentials

Picnic

Key Scripture:

Mark 13:28 NLT

"Now learn a lesson from the fig tree.

When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near.

Share a meal together.

Matthew 26:26-29 NASU

26 While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing,

He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

27 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying,

"Drink from it, all of you; 28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. 29 "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

What is communion?

Communion in Greek is koinonia: fellowship, partnership, share.

✓ A willingness to be together.

Luke 22:14-15 NLT

14 When the time came, Jesus and the apostles sat down together at the table.

15 Jesus said, "I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you...

✓ Community outside of Sunday morning.

Acts 2:46-47 NLT

46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day,

met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy

and generosity— 47 all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people.

And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

✓ Shared accountability with each other.

Hebrews 3:12-13 NLT

12 Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God.

13 You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today,"

so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God.

✓ A collective commitment to proclaim the Good News of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 11:26 NKJV

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,

you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

It's a picnic with Jesus!

1. Fellowship with the Body.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 NKJV

16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?

The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? 17 For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

Hebrews 2:14-15 NLT

14 Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could He die, and only by dying could He break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. 15 Only in this way could He set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

2. Freedom in the Blood.

1 Corinthians 11:28 NIV

A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.

Matthew 26:28 NIV

This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

3. Focus on the Resurrected Jesus.

1 Corinthians 11:26 NKJV

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Hebrews 3:1 NIV

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.

Hebrews 3:14 NLT

For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ.

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