



## A New Society

The Upper Room discourse contains the key principles of discipleship that characterize the New Testament church. Here, Jesus turns this sober moment of history into a lesson about love and the use of power. It starts with the creation of a new family and then moves on to the creation of a new society, a new way for those who follow Christ to be in the world.

**Read Luke 22:24–30.**

- How important to you is others' recognition of your accomplishments or achievements?
- How does this dispute by the disciples at this important final meal with Jesus strike you? What does it suggest about them? Us? (see Matthew 20:20–21; James 4:3)
- What is the core teaching about discipleship to Jesus (Luke 22:25–26)? (see Philippians 2:3–6)
- How does Jesus's life and death serve as a model for how we should live as his followers today (Luke 22:27)? (see John 13:12–17; 2 Corinthians 5:14–15)
- Is your growing experience with the gospel changing how you view yourself and others?
- What is the significance of Jesus' final promise to his disciples (Luke 22:29–30)? How might this grand future responsibility affect their present discipleship of Jesus? How might this promise affect our discipleship today? (see 2 Timothy 2:12; 1 Peter 2:9)

## Praying together

Holy Spirit, help me to know God's love more deeply so that I might love and serve others more fully with my life.