

# SUNDAY INTO MONDAY

PORTADOWN  
BAPTIST  
WORSHIP WALK WITNESS

*"Sunday into Monday" is designed to help all of us take away some key points from one of the messages we have heard together as a church family. We all know that it is possible to listen to a sermon, even appreciate it, but appropriating and applying what God says in His word is crucial to our worship of Him and our Christian living.*



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*"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" - I Corinthians II:26*



THE MEANS OF THE CHURCH: THE LORD'S TABLE

1 COR 10:14-22; 11:17-34



Like so many things in life, what we do in our local church gatherings can easily be taken for granted. Week by week most of our Sunday morning services conclude with time around the Lord's Supper (also known as 'Communion' and 'the Lord's Table'). While this is a fulfilling and fundamental part of our worship, its meaning and motive can easily be forgotten. This morning we

considered the nature of the Lord's Supper biblically, reminding ourselves that it is a sign of the new covenant, a supper for a new community, and sustenance for renewed Christianity. We saw how important remembering what Jesus has done for us is, and the revitalising effect that remembering the Lord can have on the local church and on our individual lives.



FOR REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

- Did anything surprise you in our study this morning, or did anything familiar come to you with renewed force? Take some time to think and meditate on this.
- What place has the Lord's Supper occupied in your understanding of the local church and of Christian living? Has there been a tendency for us to 'go through the motions' at Communion or to minimise it, without really meditating on its significance or benefitting from the blessings that it offers? Talk to God about this now, and think through some ways in which you (and we!) can recentre the Lord's Supper in the life of Portadown Baptist Church.
- If you're not a Christian, the Lord's Supper is designed to preach the gospel to you. While you are not biblically permitted to partake of the Lord's Supper, has God been speaking to you when you have had opportunity to observe it? Its main message is about the astonishing and redemptive work that Jesus has finished for us at the cross. You can know forgiveness of sins through repentance and faith today. Turn to Christ and receive Him as Saviour. Talk to myself or any of the elders if you would like more guidance on this – we will be happy to share with you.

**H**eavenly Father, thank You for the Lord's Supper. Thank You that Jesus instituted it and that we are privileged to obey His command to partake of it. Forgive me if I have forgotten the importance and significance of this ordinance, and please help me by Your Spirit in time

to come to savour the Saviour at the table, to truly remember Him, and to find my soul nourished by fresh participation in the spiritual glories of what He has done for me. All of this I ask in Jesus' name. Amen

A PRAYER



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