

## Sermon Worksheet, 9/6/09

*So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. (Acts 13:3-4)*



**Passage:** Luke 22:14-20, Acts 2:40-47

**Theme:** Sent by the Holy Spirit, No.3

In this drill, we will learn about the relationship between Jesus' Last Supper and the kingdom of God.

### **Observations:**

- 1) What is the Passover (meal)? Read Exodus 12, and explain the meaning and the purpose of the first Passover. What happened that time, and why did God let the people of Israel do this? Especially, what does this have to do with **“the kingdom of God”** as seen in Luke 22:16 and 18?
- 2) Find the verse paralleled with v. 18 in Matthew or Mark, and compare. How is it different in the way Luke expresses from the other gospels? And do you see any significance in the difference(s)?
- 3) Pick up the verbs used to express the action(s) of Jesus in v. 19. How many are there? Find places in the Bible where Jesus ate with the disciples after the resurrection. Then, try to guess what the Early Church believed about **“the breaking of bread”** as described in Acts 2:42ff. Do you see anything Luke intends to say by that?

### **Personal Applications:**

- 1) The nation of Israel came to exist through the first Passover. Please explain how the Lord's Supper is related to the coming of **“the kingdom of God.”**
- 2) Is Luke saying, at the time of writing Acts, that **“the kingdom of God”** has already come, or not yet? How is that fact related to the outpouring or the power of the Holy Spirit as expressed in Acts 1:8?
- 3) What is **“the kingdom of God”** to you? Are you in it, or not yet in it? How are those who are in it different from those who are not yet in it in the way they live, in the purposes they live for, and in the authority and the blessings they receive from God.

### **Prayers, and etc.**

- 1) Please thank God for the fact that you now participate in the Lord's Supper.
- 2) Pray that your group, or your family will be used for the kingdom of God this fall.
- 3) Pray for the recent newcomers, and the individuals whom you want to bring to church in the next one month (till the end of September).