# PERFECT

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<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NIV)



## HOOK



Start the conversation by saying...

How do you typically prepare for an event or trip?

### **ENGAGE**



Go deeper with this...

Share about a time when you and someone else clashed on plans for an upcoming event or trip.



Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- Approaching the crucifixion, Jesus taught His disciples about remembering His death through the bread and cup.
- The Communion shows that Jesus was the only perfect Passover lamb. His body heals the broken, and His blood forgives sin.
- Jesus knew that His disciples would abandon and deny Him. Judas betrayed Him to the Jewish court of law. His disciples abandoned Him in the garden. Peter denied Him three times.
- But as the perfect Shepherd, Jesus intended to restore them to Himself.
- Jesus is our perfect model of prayer. He always watched, always prayed, and submitted to God's will even when it was painful.
- As followers of Jesus, we can continue to remember what Jesus did for us at every meal. We can aim for restoration of broken relationships. And we can continue to watch, pray, and submit to God's will.

### **PAUSE**

Pick a question and pray together...

## Discuss Together (pick one)

- Think back to the events of Jesus' trial and crucifixion. How would you feel if everyone around you betrayed, abandoned, or failed you? What would you do?
- What is one time you struggled to let God's will be done? How did you respond?

## Pray Together (pick one)

- Pray that even when others fail you, you
  will see through God's perspective and still
  act in love. Pray for the grace to place
  God's will above your own.
- Pray that at your lowest moments, your natural response will be to turn to God and find strength in Him.
- Pray for a specific area where you are currently struggling, and ask God for strength and wisdom to deal with it.



Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me . . ."

— Matthew 26:31 (NIV)

40Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter.
41"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

- Matthew 26:40-41 (NIV)