The Lord's Supper
I Cor. 11:23-29

Introduction:
A. Today most of us will eat the Lord's Supper. Why?
   1. Could you explain it to your children? (cf. Josh. 4:4-7).
   2. Could you explain it to a visitor?
B. Today let us reflect on what we will be doing.
   1. It's origin.
   2. It's significance.
   3. It's purpose.
   4. It's observance.

Discussion:

I. The Origin Of The Lord's Supper.
   A. On the night of Jesus' betrayal (v. 23)
   B. At the Passover supper. (Matt. 26:17-30)

II. The Significance Of The Lord's Supper.
   A. The unleavened bread. (cf. Matt. 26:17; Ex. 12:15,19;13:7)
      1. The body of Jesus. (Matt. 26:26)
      2. Called "breaking of bread".
   B. The fruit of the vine. (Matt. 26:29)
      2. For remission of sins.
   C. The figures of speech used.
      2. Metaphor - "This is" = This represents. (cf. “I am the vine . . . “ - John 15:5)
      3. Synecdoche - "break bread" = part for whole or whole for part. cf. “daily bread”.

III. The Purpose Of The Lord's Supper.
   A. To remember the Lord’s death. (vs. 24-25).
   B. To proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes again. (v. 26)
   C. To signify communion (fellowship) with the Lord. (1 Cor. 10:14-21).
   D. Not to satisfy hunger. (cf. 1 Cor. 11:20-22, 34).

IV. The Observance Of The Lord's Supper.
   A. Observed in the kingdom (Matt. 26:29).
      2. Together in assembly (Acts 20:7; 11:20,21,33)
   B. Observed on First day of week. (Acts 20:7)
      1. Not common "breaking of bread" - common not in assembly. (cf. 1 Cor. 11:34)
      2. Not on other days.
   C. Observed In Worthy Manner. (1 Cor. 11:27-29)

Conclusion:
A. Are you in the kingdom - in position to eat Lord's Supper?
B. Do you observe it with proper significance in worthy manner?