

Power Words
Prepare – Feb. 11, 2018
FP Small Group Study Guide

Matthew 26:17-19 New International Version (NIV)

The Last Supper

¹⁷ On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

¹⁸ He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’” ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

1. Prepare – To put things or oneself in readiness. What special food or thing do you like to prepare for others? What do you do to ready yourself for it?
2. Read Matthew 26:17-19.
3. What was the feast of Unleavened Bread? Why was it celebrated? Skim Exodus 12:14-30 for more information.
4. What question did the disciples ask Jesus and what was his reply?
5. Compare this account with Mark 14:12-16. Which account do you find more revealing and why?
6. What did the disciples do in verse 19?
7. How do you ready yourself to commune with the Lord? Is it a time spent in prayer and reflection or one of mechanical obligation? Perhaps a bit of both?
8. In this season of Lent, how can you prepare yourself for the celebration of Jesus’s resurrection? Spend time in prayer and reflection in order that Jesus can direct you in preparations that please Him.