Morning Lesson

"WE GATHER HERE..." John 6:53-58

INTRO:

- 1. "And the disciples came together on the first day of the week to break bread..."

 Acts 20:7
- 2. We are disciples and we are here to "break bread."

I. THE BREAD.

A. Jesus is our bread. John 6:48-51

B. What is the significance of the bread being unleavened?

Ex. 12:14-20; 1 Cor. 5:6-8

- 1. Leaven causes fermentation which is the breaking down of sugar by bacteria. The gas resulting from this process causes bread to rise. Leaven corrupts the purity of the bread.
- 2. Christ's body was not corrupted by sin, nor was a bone broken. Unleavened bread correctly reflects his body.

C. 1 Cor. 10:16, 17

II. THE FRUIT OF THE VINE.

A. Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:23-25; Luke 22:17, 18, 20

B. 1 Pet. 1:17-19; Heb. 9:13, 14; Rev. 5:8-10

CONC:

- 1. The communion just shared is only truly experienced by those who are in Christ.
- 2. Just as the Egyptians were not to eat the original Passover and Gentiles were not allowed to eat the memorial Passovers, all who participate must meet the conditions of entrance into God's family.
- 3. It is also individual. Every person was to eat that night in Goshen and every Christian is to commune with God and be strengthened for his continued journey to the Promised Land.