Look Back: Where did you see pride without grace in your life? Grace without truth? What steps did you take to become more humble and less controlling?

Look Up:

Read Ephesians 5:25-27

- 1. Based on these verses, how did Jesus "feel" about "the church" and what did He do for "the church"? What implications does this have for people today?
- 2. Try to put verse 26 in your own words. Why does Paul, the author, focus on cleansing and washing, and what does this mean to you personally?
- 3. Summarize how Jesus sees "the church" in these verses? How does this compare to how most people see "church" today? Why are these different and what can you do personally to see the church as Jesus does?

Read Luke 22:19-20

- 4. How are these verses similar to Paul's teaching in Ephesians? What additional details does Jesus include?
- 5. What does Jesus ask His disciples to remember "about" Him? What specifically should people today remember about Jesus and why?
- 6. What is the "new covenant" that Jesus refers to? Why is this needed and how does it apply to you personally?

Overall (Discovery Bible Study)

- What do these scriptures say about God?
- What do they say about people?
- How will I apply this to my life?

Look Ahead:

What will you do personally to remember Jesus and to "be" the church He died for?

Notes

When we see the church the way Jesus does, our commentary should turn into compassion and our distance turn into devotion. For Jesus, the church is not a building, organization or set of beliefs. Instead, it is an intimate and personal relationship that drove His every thought, word and action. Jesus passionately loves people and sacrificed everything so that all people can be cleansed, transformed and be made holy. We are called to respond to His love, and then grow in His word in order to share it with others.