

**MOOREBANK HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES**  
**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION**  
**Matthew 26:17-35 – Table Tension**

1. When have you last felt out of control or anxious? What were you thinking and feeling at the time? Did being a Christian make a difference – why/why not? [*N.B: Be brief here!*]
2. Read Matthew 26:17-19. Then read Exodus 12:1-20 (or just 1-13 if short on time). Why was the Passover important to Jews like Jesus and his disciples?

**Read Matthew 26:20-25**

3. Do you think Jesus knows who will betray him specifically?
4. What does verse 24 tell us about Judas' personal responsibility?
5. Is Jesus expecting Judas to own up? Why does Jesus tell them?

**Read Jeremiah 31:31-34.**

6. What theme words you would pick to summarize that passage?
7. After the liberation of the first Passover, God made a covenant with his people (Ex. 19-24) - What does Jeremiah 31 say went wrong? Why would Jeremiah's announcement be such good news?

**Read Matthew 26:26-29**

8. What is Jesus claiming about his death? How does it relate to Jeremiah 31?
9. What does verse 28 mean to you personally?
10. In your own crisis moments does it make a difference to know that Jesus knows the future and is confident? (see verses 29, 32) [*N.B – Remember that Gethsemane is the next episode in Jesus' experience. Does his confidence in God change then?*]

**Read Matthew 26:30-35**

11. Why will Jesus go to Galilee after his resurrection?
12. Jesus knew the disciples would fail him. Why did he tell them?
13. How many Christian songs can you think of that celebrate Jesus' blood? Why is confidence in Jesus' blood so important for the Christian life?
14. What does this passage teach you about where to put your confidence? Will anything change this week in your life because of it?
15. What does this passage reveal about Jesus and failure (Judas, Passover, disciples)?