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A Disenchanted World

1. “*Disenchantment*” describes a worldview whereby one comes to believe there is nothing REAL except that which can be seen, measured, predicted, and replicated through things like science, technology, etc. By comparison, “*Enchantment*” describes a worldview that makes space for a belief in REAL things that *cannot* be measured or explained by empirical methods. Do you tend to lean towards *disenchantment* or *enchantment*? Why?

Read **Matthew 26:20-29** and **John 13:18-30**

2. These passages along with the icon of the holy supper highlight the love of John for Jesus, and the betrayal of Jesus by Judas. In what ways do these actions by John and Judas lead you to ponder the icon and consider its implications for your own life?

3. In Jesus’ gift of communion He offers His *body*, which is given up for us, and His *blood*, which is poured out for the forgiveness of sins. What do *you* think about while receiving the body and blood of Christ in communion?

4. These passages and the icon all reveal how close and yet how *separated* Judas is from Jesus. Reflect on that and consider: how should this inform and shape our own lives and faith in Jesus? What does this mean *practically*?

5. How does reflecting on communion and Jesus’ sacrifice prepare you for the remembrance and celebration of His birth during Advent?