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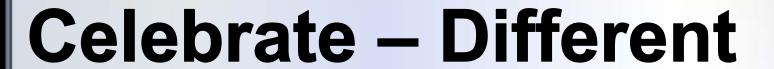


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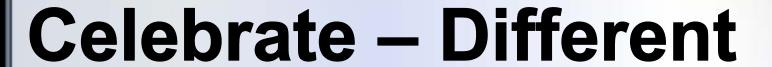






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What does that mean for the church?



On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight.

**Acts 20:7** 

# First Day of the Week

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

1 Corinthians 16:2



Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

John 20:1

# **Unfortunate Reality**

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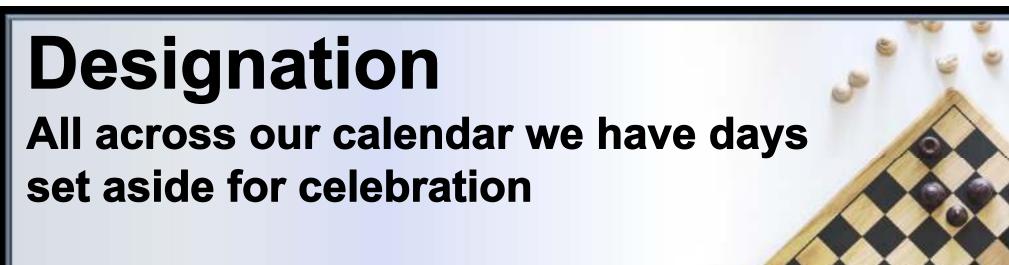
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What's this got to do with learning to be still?



And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25







All across our calendar we have days set aside for celebration

On the day of the celebration we have a time we expect to start





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As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart.

Proverbs 27:19



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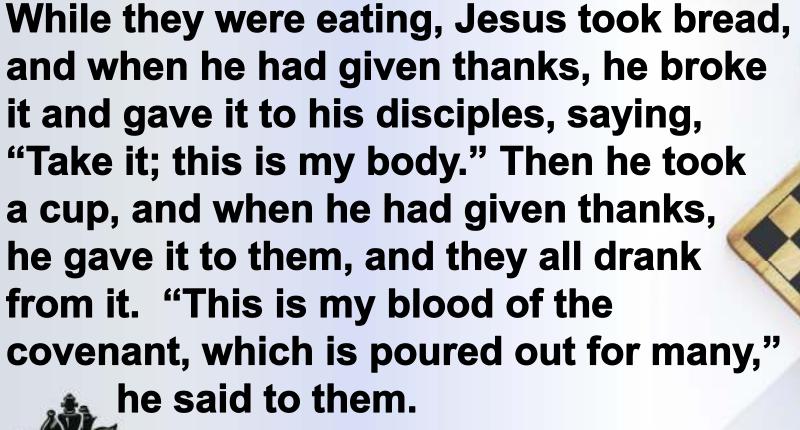


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The idea of reflection is looking back at our self to see what God has done for us



Luke 22:14-19





