

SEDER DINNER GUIDE

Adult Life Group Leaders,

Note from Pastor Justin

First, thank you all for coming to training and being willing to host something so potentially rich for our people. I'd encourage you to solidify the headcount for your dinner night and disperse the meal responsibilities.

The meal should include the following:

- Roasted/roisserie chicken or beef
- Rice or couscous
- Roasted vegetables
- Potatoes outside of matzo ball soup

Gefilte Fish is a Kosher option for the brave. This should be shared, even down to Matzo Ball Soup. Roasted again means baked in the oven. Look for items in your local grocery and realize some of why you need like (matzo meal and matzah bread are found in the Kosher section).

Thank you! Proud of all of you. We are praying for you!

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Below you'll find what we discussed and should have what you need. Please reach out if you have any further questions.

Seder Plate Items

Karpas= Parsley

Roasted Egg = New Life

Saltwater = Tears of bondage and commemorates the parting of the Red Sea

Shank bone

Maror- Bitter herbs- Horseradish

Charoset- Mixture of ground honey, apples, grapes/raisins, walnuts, and grape juice.

Matzo Ball Soup Ingredients (Portions vary due to the size of the crowd to be served)

Note: Premade packs of soup and Matzo Ball mixes (found in the Kosher grocery section) are acceptable and encouraged if you've never done it.

Ingredients for Chicken Stock

- Pot of chicken Bone Broth or stock
- Rotisserie chicken

- 1-2 large yellow onions, unpeeled, quartered
- 1-2 celery stalks, cut into 1" pieces
- 1-2 large carrots, peeled, cut into 1" pieces
- 1 large parsnip, peeled, cut into 1" pieces
- 1 large shallot, quartered
- 1 head of garlic, halved crosswise
- 6 sprigs flat-leaf parsley
- 1 tablespoon black pepper
- Kosher salt
- Tablespoon or 6 sprigs of Dill (optional)

Building the soup, put oil in a soup pot, and heat adding garlic, then onion, and shallot. Just till then sweat, not burning. Next, add the chicken stock and carrots, celery, parsnip, parsley, and dill. Finally, add a whole rotisserie chicken and salt/pepper to bring the taste to a boil.

Then, drain the stock removing the chicken and extra veggies/spices, and allow the stock to continue to heat. Shred the chicken and toss it in the broth. Take a leg/shank bone for your Seder Plate. Continue to flavor to taste with parsley and pepper. Bring to a boil as you make your matzo balls.

Matzo Ball Mixture (again, portions vary to crowd size- this likely yields 12-15 matzo balls)

- 3 large eggs, beaten to blend
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup matzo meal
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons club soda (optional- to ensure floaters- I rarely use personally)
- $1\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon kosher salt

Put all ingredients in a bowl together and mix briskly with a fork to bring to a paste/dough-like structure. Place in the fridge 10-15 minutes to let it set. Take it out and form your balls into about 1" diameter. Once formed, add to the broth while boiling, and once all the balls are in, cover the pot and allow to simmer for 20 minutes until matzo balls are thoroughly cooked.

Ready to serve!

Redeeming the Afikomen

The dinner continues after the intermission of an informal meal with finding the broken and wrapped piece of matzah. The leader of the Seder (usually the father) gives the one (usually a child) that finds the Afikomen a gift (like \$1 or \$5).

Gospel Imperative

Romans 3:23, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

John 6:35, "Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

In a Seder, the father gives a gift to the child that finds the pierced wrapped piece of bread. It is the middle piece of matzah (like Jesus, God the Son of the Trinity), which is broken, wrapped, and hidden in a tomb. Jesus was pierced for our iniquities, died (in our place) and, was wrapped placed in a tomb for three days, and came out defeating sin and death forever for all who would trust His atoning sacrifice. This provides salvation to all who believe, by placing their life and faith in Jesus, receive the gift of eternal life from the Heavenly Father.

Afikomen = "I came."