

GSM family weekend

Who here wears a ring?

- is it because of its beauty?
- or does it have special meaning?

The story of Soozie's ring [also Lori's story, wearing around her neck so she wouldn't lose it]

- I wanted privacy, so I asked her to go to the house on Madison St
- Soozie was afraid that I was going to give her a puppy
- poem

Parallel Levels (but not exact) between the symbolism of a ring and the elements of the Communion

what could be the most precious thing that we might have to offer to show our love?

- Relationship: child or spouse
- How do we prove our love?

Human

1. Outer box, or place the gift is given
 - we don't keep this
 - sometimes the "place" stays special to us [Transfig notes about location]
 - wrapping, not really a symbol
2. Ring Box
 - we would probably keep this, and it would remind us of the ring

Precious substance needed

3. The actual ring
 - we wear this every day
 - the traditional wedding language of the symbolism
4. Love
 - trying to show love and promise it forever
 - I may not be able to live up to it

The ring doesn't prove love: actions do!

The symbol always points to something larger and more important

The symbol of a symbol of a symbol

Where is the real thing?

God

1. Church worship [could be anywhere]
 - child is offered (God's Son)
 - marital comparison is also used [church is the bride of Christ]

Key: How do we keep our response level up?

2. Communion [Lord's Supper]
 - church worship [could be anywhere]
 - Bread (Body) and Wine (Blood)

Precious substance needed

3. Sacrifice
 - Body (pain) and Blood (life)
 4. Love
 - Reveal the depth of love (Proven!)
 - God has lived up to His promise
- is there another level? More power when we get to heaven?

