

# LEADER DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Summer 2022

Week of June 26th

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

### DISCUSSION FOCUS

Read (Primary Text): 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Supporting Texts: Colossians 3:12-17

**MAIN IDEA:** The Lord's Supper satisfies our greater hunger, and unifies us to both Christ and other believers.

### OBSERVE

Looking at verses 17-22, in what ways did they not observe the Lord's Supper correctly?

What tradition does Paul pass on in verses 23-26? *We can be assured that what we know of the Lord's Supper today is the same as it was when Jesus instituted it in the Gospels. Compare the accounts (Matt 26:26ff; Mark 14:22ff; Luke 22:14ff) with our text here. Ordinance = something to be observed by the church (as is baptism).*

This isn't the first time we have seen Paul address the Corinthian church on their view of the Lord's Supper, in this passage what does Paul specifically address in regards to how they were taking the Lord's Supper? *People are also treating the Lord's Supper as "Dinner on the Grounds!" They are eating it like it is their entire meal. And others are getting drunk off of the wine. The major offense here is that the Corinthians are treating the poor with contempt and celebrating their own social status. The Lord's Supper is supposed to be unifying (vertically, with God and horizontally, with other believers) but their divisions into wealthy and poor are demonstrating anything but unity.*

Verses 28-33 talk about the way that a believer comes to the Lord's supper in a worthy manner, what does Paul instruct us to do in these verses? *Examine himself, Recognize the body, Welcome one another*

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### INTERPRET

How does one partake of the Lord's Supper in an "unworthy way" (vv. 27–34)?

Have you ever felt unworthy to participate in the Lord's Supper? If so, how can we point ourselves to the forgiveness and grace given to us through the work of Jesus on the cross?

### APPLY

What is the main point of what Paul is trying to say in this passage and how does it apply today? *The Lord's Supper represents the sacrificial death of Jesus that has brought Jew and Gentile together under the banner of the cross. This unifying and sacrificial remembrance should not be scorned by the selfish and divisive actions of the church, especially during the Lord's Supper.*

What are some good practices we can implement to make sure we're going to the Lord's Table in a worthy manner?