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1 Corinthians 11:17–34

[17] But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. [18] For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, [19] for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. [20] When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. [21] For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. [22] What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

[23] For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, [24] and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." [25] In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." [26] For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

[27] Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. [28] Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. [29] For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. [30] That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. [31] But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. [32] But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

[33] So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another—[34] if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

Sermon Outline

- I. The Perversion of the Lord's Supper (v 17-22)
- II. The Purpose of the Lord's Supper (v 23-26)
- III. The Preparation of the Lord's Supper (v 27-34)



Life Group Leader Notes:

What are some of your favorites? Food? Book? Sports team? Did Pastor Scott's introduction help you see how favorites are a natural part of God's created order? How does sin negatively transform our ranking of favorites? Why is this destructive?

Pastor Scott mentioned the church's love feasts in Acts chapter 2. The church frequently gathered to eat meals and express their unity through communion. It is rare to find this type of community in an individualized society. How can your group continue to grow in this area?

We find in 1 Corinthians 11 that the love feasts had been perverted. Instead of gathering to express their unity, the rich members gathered alone, and highlighted the church's disunity. How does this discrimination express itself in our own context? Pastor Scott mentioned a few ways: favoritism based on spiritual gifts, the way we look, gender, age, race. Are there other ways we can discriminate? Married/Single? How can your life group begin working to overcome some of these differences? What steps would you need to take?

We are often taught that Paul's exhortation to "examine himself" (v. 28) means that we should check ourselves for unconfessed sins. And that certainly applies. But the context specifically refers to sins of favoritism. Did this impact the way that you prepare yourself for communion?

Did God minister to you this week through the preaching of the Word, and the taking of communion? Did he convict you of a particular sin of favoritism? Did you confess and make an attempt to reconcile with another person in our church?

