

Week of June 15, 2025 - My Supper

Small Group Lesson 25

Connect

What comes to mind when you think about a "holy" or "orderly"? Why do you think “order and holiness” are important in corporate worship?

Verses - 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (CSB)

Read aloud:

17 Now in giving this instruction I do not praise you, since you come together not for the
better but for the worse. 18 For to begin with, I hear that when you come together as a
church there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it. 19 Indeed, it is necessary
that there be factions among you, so that those who are approved may be recognized
among you. 20 When you come together, then, it is not to eat the Lord’s Supper. 21 For
at the meal, each one eats his own supper. So one person is hungry while another gets
drunk! 22 Don’t you have homes in which to eat and drink? Or do you despise the
church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should
I praise you? I do not praise you in this matter! 23 For I received from the Lord what I
also passed on to you: On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, 24
and when he had given thanks, 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, and
said,“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 So, then, whoever eats the bread or drinks
the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sin against the body and
blood of the Lord. 28 Let a person examine himself; in this way let him eat the bread and
drink from the cup. 29 For whoever eats and drinks without recognizing the body, eats
and drinks judgment on himself. 30 This is why many are sick and ill among you, and
many have fallen asleep. 31 If we were properly judging ourselves, we would not be
judged, 32 but when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined, so that we may not be
condemned with the world. 33 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, when you come
together to eat, welcome one another. 34 If anyone is hungry, he should eat at home, so
that when you gather together you will not come under judgment. I will give instructions
about the other matters whenever I come.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. What was wrong with the Corinthian church's gatherings? How did this contradict the purpose of coming together as a church?

2. What is the true meaning and purpose of the Lord's Supper? What do the bread and the cup represent? What are we “proclaiming” through it?

3. What were the physical and spiritual consequences for the Corinthians due to their improper conduct, and what is God's ultimate aim? What is God's purpose when He judges or disciplines believers?

Share

Discuss 1:
The two practical solutions Paul gives to the Corinthians’ improper behavior (unwelcoming and selfish eating) at the Lord’s Supper are to instead be welcoming and eat at home. What makes them practical? In what various ways can we apply these principles today at our church?

Discuss 2:
What "needs" might people bring to church that, if not addressed right, could affect our corporate worship? How should the church address these needs in an organized and proper way?

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.