



## 1 Corinthians 11:17-33 Discussion Questions

- Why was Paul so upset with the Corinthians' practice of the Lord's Supper? What divisions and selfish behaviors were showing up in their gatherings?
  - How did those behaviors contradict the gospel?
  - What are ways we can fall into similar patterns today, even if they look different?
- Why do you think Paul says it would have been "better if they stayed home" (v. 17)? What does that reveal about the heart of worship versus just going through the motions?
- Who are the people in church you may be tempted to overlook, avoid, or see as "less than"?
- How does Paul connect the Lord's Supper to Passover?
  - What does it mean that communion is more than a symbol but a participation in Christ?
- In verse 26, Paul says we "proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." In what ways does communion look back, look around, and look forward?
  - In what ways does communion proclaim the gospel to unbelievers? Believers?
- What does it mean to take communion in an "unworthy manner"?

- Why is Paul's focus on the manner of participation, not on our personal worthiness?
- Before taking the Supper, Paul calls for self-examination. What are some questions we can ask ourselves?
- How do we balance repentance and reverence with thanksgiving and joy?
- Paul warns that careless participation brings God's discipline, but not condemnation (vv. 29–32). How can this truth comfort believers who wrestle with guilt or fear about coming to the table?
  - How does the Lord's Supper remind us that "the ground is level at the foot of the cross"?
- What practical steps can we take to ensure our participation reflects the unity of the body and the beauty of the gospel?