

## CELEBRATING COMMUNION

1 Corinthians 11.17-34

### NEGLECTING THE LORD'S SUPPER

In Paul's day, the Lord's Supper was a time set aside during a meal that the church would gather for at some point during their Sunday gathering time of worship. But the Corinthians were neglecting that time, and Paul wanted to bring some correction.

It seems that some Corinthians were either not allowing those who were too poor to bring food to the potluck to eat, or that there were cliques and divisions that kept them separate instead of unified. Paul essentially says, "this isn't even the Lord's Supper, is a cheap imitation, just stay home and eat if you're going to do it this way."

### REVISITING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Just as a host of a meal might offer a prayer to God for a meal, Jesus also gives us this example before taking communion. On the night He was betrayed, He stands before God and His disciples and offers up thanks for the bread and wine. But His thanks is not simply for physical sustenance.

**Jesus thanks God for providing for us not just physical bread,  
but the bread of life that gives us spiritual life.  
And that bread of life is Jesus Himself.**

### TAKING COMMUNION PROPERLY

The mention of Judas betraying Jesus serves as a reminder that not all who take communion do so properly. Paul warns them of this.

So how do we take communion in a worthy manner?

- 1. You must be born again.** 2 Corinthians 13.5
- 2. You must know what you are doing and why.** 1 Corinthians 11.28-32
- 3. You must not do it with hypocrisy.** If you are aware of unrepentant sin, unresolved sinful conflict, or something that would cause you be hypocritical, you should abstain from taking communion. That said, *the very reason we take communion is because* we are sinners, so though we should be thoughtful, we ought not be too critical.
- 4. Not a must, but follows some biblical logic that you should be baptized.**
  - a.** Baptism and communion are the two sacraments that Jesus commands.
  - b.** Kids, talk to your parents both about communion and baptism, and trust their judgment on whether they think the time and reason is right for you.
- 5. You should do so as a committed member of a local church.**



## NOTES:

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

**Philippians 2:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **1 Corinthians 11.17-34**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

If you grew up in a Christian home, what was your view of Communion then, and what is it now?

### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Clearly, this text is deeply Gospel-saturated. How does the picture of Christ being at the head of the table and thanking His Father for sending *His own self* as the bread of life serve as an important Gospel reminder?

### Repent and Confess

Not taking communion in an unworthy manner is a big theme of Paul's. Which in the list of 5 in the notes (or other ways) do you feel like you have at times not taken communion properly? Why do you think it is so important to examine yourself, repent, and take communion with confidence?

### Ask for Provision

Some argue that taking communion every week can cause us to become apathetic towards it. Yet, we tell people to pray, read the Word, and even tell their spouses, kids, and friends "I love you" every day. This seems like a poor argument to only do communion on occasion. That said, to keep it meaningful, what might you ask of the Lord to provide for you (and your church family!) to keep us "discerning the body" and taking communion together in a worthy, worshipful, and God-glorifying manner?

### Your Life Mission

What conversations or social settings with non-believers are coming up that you could use prayer for? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

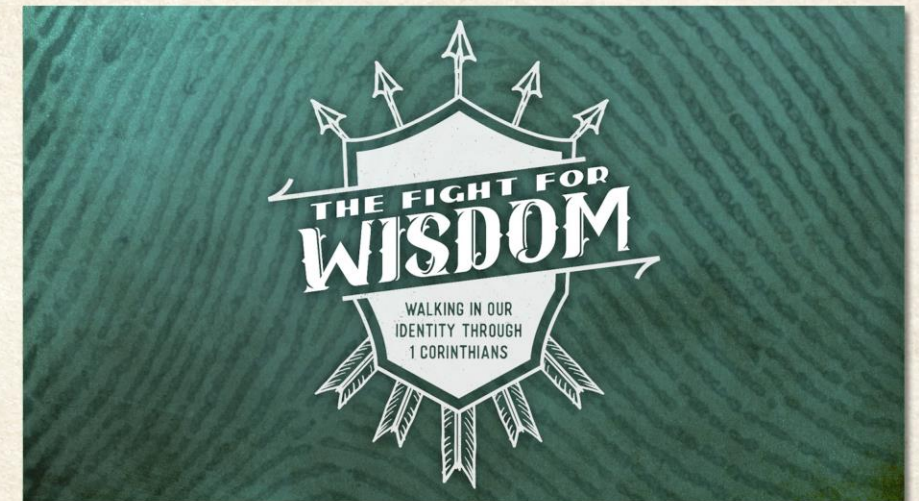
End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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