

Church >in< Community | 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of November 17th, 2024

OVERVIEW

In 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, Paul addresses the Corinthians' divisions and improper attitudes during their mealtimes during the Lord's Supper, urging them to approach it with unity, reverence, and self-examination. He reminds them that it is a time to remember Christ's sacrifice and to honor one another as members of the body of Christ.

OHANA TIME!

Icebreaker: What kind of family "traditions" have been passed down in your family? (Think holiday seasons) **Or** What is one of your favorite worship songs/hymns?

Activity: Plan a Thanksgiving gathering!

PRAYER

Pray as a group: Is there a specific praise or thanks you want to give to God in prayer today?

QUESTIONS: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-34

1. How do you approach mealtime with your family?
2. Why do you think Paul is so concerned about how the Corinthians are treating each other at their mealtimes during the Lord's Supper? (*In the early church, what churches today celebrate in a single ceremony (Communion) was originally connected with a real meal during which participants broke the bread at the beginning of the meal and drank the cup of blessing at the end of the meal.*)
3. What divisions within the church does Paul highlight, and how do they affect the community as a whole?
4. What does Jesus do before breaking the bread and pouring the cup? How is this an example for us to follow?
5. Why is fostering a culture of gratitude important in our gatherings?
6. What is the central purpose of gathering in communion and fellowship?
7. How might self-examination (verse 28) before taking communion bring us closer to God and to each other?
8. What does it mean to "eat together" (verse 33) and why is it important to do so?

APPLICATION

1. How may you (re)arrange your mealtimes in a way that makes them more worshipful and focuses on giving gratitude to God?
2. Share a Bible verse about gratitude that has impacted you. Who in your life might need encouragement or to feel appreciated? How can you reach out to them?