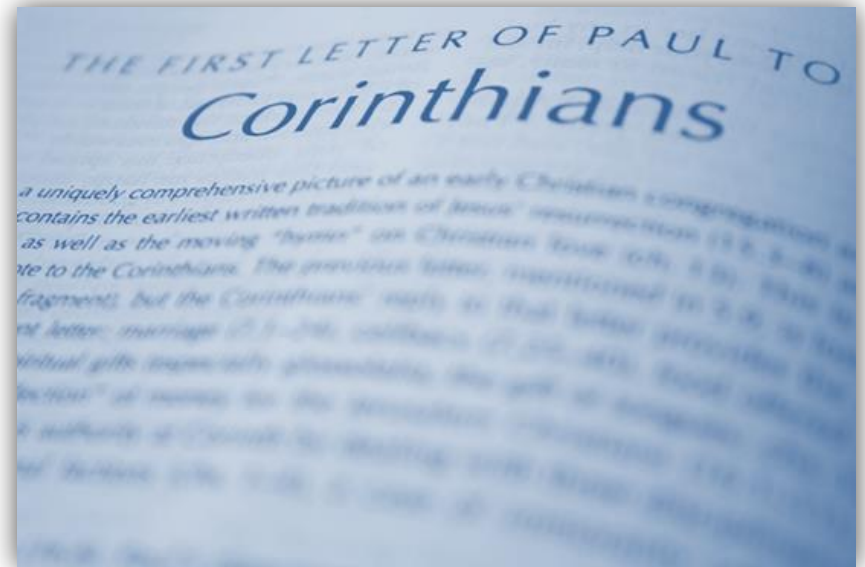


Personal Application and Conversations

1. Recall a delightful gathering of friends or family that turned out to be everything you hoped it would be.
2. Now talk about experiencing times when you and your church buddies were growing a lot and finding great joy in the Lord together. How did God seem to use the many different gifts everyone employed to show their love for the body?
3. How do you prepare yourself to come together with our church family on ordinary days and specifically on Communion Sundays?
4. Why might you think the Lord's Supper is so important to the very life and health of our local church?
5. What do you think Paul meant when he said in v.39, "*For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of Christ eats and drinks judgment on Himself*"?



When You Come Together

I Corinthians 11:17-34

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As we've been taking a fresh look at Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, I'm amazed at God's miraculous design of "the body," the local church. It has weathered countless storms and in many cases it has been scuttled by the whims and demands of self. On this Communion Sunday we will be looking at what many believe to be the first written record of what Jesus said to His disciples at the table on the night He was betrayed. It appears that Paul taught this to the young church at Corinth, but they had been making a mockery of it when they came together. Let's ask God to open our hearts and minds today to how He continues to refine our local chapter of His church. Consider these things so that we might ***always show respect for the body of Christ.***

Sincere Praise (v. 2)

Do you despise the church? (vs. 17-22)

The Lord's Supper (vs. 23-26)

Examine yourselves (vs.27-34)