

## Week 20 Discussion Questions

**Text:** 1 Cor 11:17-34

**Icebreaker:** Imagine you have an unlimited budget with unlimited space to host a meal. Who's invited and what are you serving?

1. Read this week's passage. What stands out to you from the text or from the sermon you heard Sunday?

2. From verses 17-22, what's the basic problem Paul is confronting the Corinthians about?

*Application:* We may not experience the same form of problem today, but how might worship gatherings in our context exclude people in other ways?

3. Verses 23-26 are a teaching that Paul himself had received when he became a Christ-follower. Given the situation the Corinthians are in, why is it important to Paul that they remember Jesus's death?

*Application:* How do you think the memory of his death can help guide our own lives?

4. In verses 27-32, Paul includes a combination of warning and instruction about taking the bread and the cup. Why are the stakes so high with regard to participating in the Lord's supper?

*Application:* How does this shape your own understanding of the importance of the Lord's supper? Does it match what you've already known to be true or is there something here that challenges you in a new way?

5. Verses 33-34 are the final and very practical word for the Corinthians on this issue. How would this instruction help them avoid the problem they're facing?

*Application:* How do you think we might be most likely to misuse the Lord's supper today in our own setting? Is there something in this passage that can help us guard against it?