

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

¹⁷Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when **you come together** it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸For, to begin with, when **you come together** as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and I am convinced of this report. ¹⁹Indeed, only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. ²⁰When **you come together**, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. ²¹For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. ²²What! Do you not have house churches in which to eat and drink? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves. ³⁰For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

³³So then, my brothers and sisters, when **you come together** to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴Let all the hungry people eat in the house church, so that when **you come together**, it will not be for your condemnation. About the other things I will give instructions when I come.

For our workshop on "Food Fights at the Lord's Supper: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34," we will use material from the book *Creating a Scene in Corinth: A Simulation*, by Reta H. Finger and George D. McClain. More information about this book can be found at www.HeraldPress.com/CreatingAScene.