



# 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 “Cross-Shaped Table Manners”

## Discussion Questions

### INTRODUCTION

Throughout the Scriptures, meals play a prominent role in the life of God’s people. They are times for fellowship, hospitality and worship. The meal of the Lord’s Supper is not different as it provides a moment for God’s people to feast afresh on the gospel. In 1 Corinthians 11, Paul is concerned about the pride, selfishness and division that the believers have as they come to a Table declaring a message of humility, servanthood and unity. He calls the church to repent of their sin, reconcile with one another, and take the Table in a worthy manner.

### DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

1. Why is the person-to-person dynamic so critical as we think about partaking of the Lord’s Supper in a worthy manner?
2. What does it look like to embrace a life that neither pridefully accepts your sin or shamefully wallows in it? How does the gospel free you from both?
3. In what ways are you prone to promote divisiveness toward others, either publicly or in your heart? Why is pursuing unity such a big deal?
4. Do you struggle to identify as, “the chief of sinners?” How is this identity at the heart of what it means to follow Jesus and love and serve others?
5. The Lord’s Supper is given for us to regularly remember the cross and it’s benefits to those who believe? In what ways does God work in your heart through the practice of taking the Lord’s Supper?

### PRAYER

Spend time in prayer, confessing your sins before God and pursuing reconciliation, either in person or in your heart toward anyone you’ve wronged in any way. Also spend time thanking God, in prayer, for his grace toward his people in sending Christ to the cross to suffer in our place.