

Magnify the LORD with Me

Small Group Studies – Fall 2022

Session 3: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 “Come to the Table with Me” 1 Corinthians 14:1-25 “Constructive Worship”

Ice Breaker – What have you experienced when visiting a worship service that has made you feel especially welcome or especially unwelcome?

READ 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

1. What was the problem Paul was addressing in 1 Corinthians 11?
2. What does Paul mean in verse 29 by “discerning the body of Christ?” What is Paul warning against?
3. What might Paul write if he were writing a similar letter of encouragement and instruction to our congregation today?

REVIEW 1 Corinthians 14:1-25

4. Considering this part of Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, describe what it would have been like to go to church in Corinth?
 - a. Describe what appears to be the intent of those in Corinth who were speaking in tongues and how that affected worship, as well as the unity of the Body.
 - b. Describe prophecy in Corinth.
5. Speaking in tongues became in Corinth a measure of spirituality. The more someone spoke in tongues the better a Christian they were considered to be. However, this unintelligible speaking in tongues made no sense to a newcomer. What in our worship might be something that we would consider a sign of faithfulness, but which might be unintelligible to the newcomer?
6. What is so important about worshipping together rather than just worshipping as individuals gathered in the same room?
7. What affect does failing to bear God’s image as he required have on worship? The body of believers gathered in worship? New believers? Nonbelievers?
8. If Corinth was divided by social class or the practice of tongues, what things divide us?
 - c. How do we overcome these matters?
 - d. How did you complete the three-minute assignment after worship? Is this something that you are willing to regularly practice?
9. How do we move our bridge-making beyond the fellowship hall?