

Bible Study Questions
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Taking Communion Seriously

When has communion (the Lord's supper) been particularly meaningful to you?

Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-34. What is communion? What other names for it have you used?

What changes would the Corinthians need to make to ensure that it really was the "Lord's supper"?

Paul repeats the words used during the Lord's supper in verses 23-26. How do you respond when you hear these words during communion?

Paul instructs the Corinthians to examine themselves prior to partaking of the Lord's supper. How is this done? (Consider *6 Ways to Look at Communion*.)

Why is it important for Christians to observe the Lord's supper?

6 Ways to Look at Communion

1. Look Within: Examine whether you have sinful relational tension with a fellow church member (11:27-32). You need to work that out.
2. Look Back: Remember Jesus' work on the cross, and thank Him for what He accomplished (11:23-26).
3. Look Up: Celebrate your union with Christ (10:16).
4. Look Around: Celebrate your union with each other as a body (11:33-34).
5. Look Outward: Proclaim the gospel to unbelievers (11:26).
6. Look Forward: Anticipate that Jesus is coming back (11:26).