

Sermon Series Begins: *Why Do We Do That?*

6/9/24 “Take Communion,” 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, MEV

INTRODUCTION:

Passover:

Corinthian problem: 1. divisions, 2. lusts (hunger, drunkenness), 3. not loving others—eating, not sharing; shaming poor, 4. no respect for God

MAIN IDEA: Let us grow in intimacy by taking communion. How? Here are three things to focus on.

Proclaim: our ministry to unbelievers (the gospel & His return)

- A. keeps us focused on the mission
 - 1. make disciples
 - 2. tell people about Jesus
- B. keeps us mindful of holiness
 - 1. His return will come unexpectedly (**Matt. 24:42**)
 - 2. we must be ready for His return (**Matt. 24:44**)
- C. keeps us working toward unity

Ephesians 4:3, MEV: be eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

ILLUSTRATION: sense urgency to witness or repent?

III. Finally, examine ourselves spiritually (27-33, 17-22)

Unworthily: improper [see verses 17-22: factions, not to honor God but eat without consideration for others, shaming poor; in lust—hunger, drunkenness—rather than focusing on Christ)

- A. Am I approaching God respectfully?
 - 1. coming to our Lord & Savior
 - 2. coming as a servant
 - 3. coming as someone who has been set free
 - 4. coming in unity with other believers
- B. Am I guilty of current sin?
 - 1. Lord, search me “confess, ask forgiveness, decide to repent, renounce if need be, receive forgiveness)
 - 2. agree with Him about sin we are already aware of (confess, ask forgiveness, decide to repent, renounce if need be, receive forgiveness)

ILLUSTRATION: conflict then made peace?

CONCLUSION:

ALTAR: Salvation, recommitment, healing; worship time
