

Table Manners

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

We come to Lord's table...

Because it was divinely revealed and comes to us with apostolic authority.

As a proclamation of the Lord's death and our togetherness.

When we come to Lord's table, we look...

Backward

Forward

Inward

Outward

Getting Started: What table manners were important in your home growing up? Were they strictly enforced?

Digging In: How many times can you find Paul using the terms "assemble" or "together" in this passage? What does this say about the importance of unity in the context of the Lord's table (see 1 Cor 10:17)? How were they not living out unity when coming to the table? What changes were necessary for the Corinthians to make to ensure it was really "the Lord's table"? Paul commands the Corinthians to examine themselves prior to coming to the Lord's table. How is this done? What consequences were they experiencing for taking the Lord's table in an unworthy manner? Knowing this church has issues with immortality, lawsuits and idolatry, what do the consequences for "poor table manners" at the Lord's supper say about its importance?

Getting Started: When has the Lord's table been significantly meaningful to you? How would you explain to a friend the importance of everyone coming together to the Lord's table from this passage? What can you do to best prepare yourself when you come to the Lord's table?