



Sermon Discussion Guide




How Then Shall We Live: The Table

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-34. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 What do you love most about Thanksgiving?
- 2 What was your one main/big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

THE TABLE: A FAMILY MEAL

- 3 What had the Apostle Paul particularly exorcised when it came to the Corinthians and their practice of the Lord's Supper?
- 4 *Examine yourself.* Ray asked: Do you have disdain for the church? Are you sowing discord? Do you have a persistent critical spirit? Is there someone with whom you need to seek reconciliation?

- 5 *Share*. Do you have regular opportunity to interact with the poor? If not, how could you? Who are “the unseen” at Seven Rivers? Who do you think need to be drawn in to the community?
- 6 *Eat together*. Why is “doing church” more than just going to worship for 90 minutes on a Saturday or Sunday? What do you think is meant by the phrase, “doing life together”?

THE TABLE: A MARRIAGE FEAST

- 7 *A feast of remembrance*. How is the Lord’s Supper a fulfillment of the Passover? What are we remembering when we take communion?
- 8 *A feast of anticipation*. How is the table a picture of marriage intimacy? Why does the pastor always say that unbelievers should not come forward and partake? What do believers look forward to in the Lord’s Supper?
- 9 *A feast of communion now*. In your own words, how does God use communion to minister to your soul and strengthen your faith in the present? What is your favorite part of the Eucharist time at Seven Rivers?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?