

“Don’t Play at the Table”

Sunday, January 2, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34

BIG IDEA: Our attitudes in approaching the Lord’s Supper are vital!

*“Let a person examine himself;
in this way let him eat the bread and drink from the cup.”
1 Corinthians 11:28 (CSB)*



Reject careless attitudes. (v 17-22)



Reject divisiveness. (v 17-19)



Reject selfishness. (v 20-22)



Cultivate careful attitudes. (v 23-34)



Carefully look back. (v 23-25)



Carefully look forward. (v 26)



Carefully look within. (v 27-32)



Carefully look around. (v 33-34)

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Read: Re-read 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 and either Matthew 26:17-30, Mark 14:12-26 or Luke 22:7-23.

Think: Reflect on your perspectives and attitudes toward the Lord Supper, and then ask yourself the following questions: *When you were growing up, what was dinnertime like? Who sat where? Who did what? Who ate everything in sight and who ate like a bird? Who cleaned up? Had you been there, what would you have seen, heard, and felt as the Corinthians observed the Lord’s Supper (v 17-22)? How was the Lord’s Supper being distorted (see also 10:17)? Why does the Paul recount the Lord’s Supper (v 23-25; see also Luke 22:19-20)? What does Paul mean by eating and drinking in “an unworthy way” (v 27)? What does Paul mean by saying someone “eats and drinks without recognizing the body”? (v 29)? By self-examination (v 28)? By evaluating/judging oneself (v 31)? What is the alternative to this self-evaluation (v 32, 34)?*

Do: Remembrance (v 24, 25), proclamation (v 26) and participation (10:16) are three realities of the Lord’s Supper. How would you explain to a non-believer how the Lord’s Supper accomplishes each of these? What are some ways modern Christians in our culture fail to “recognize the body of the Lord” by creating distinctions between one another? How could your worship and participation in the Lord’s Supper demonstrate a more appropriately inclusive and unifying attitude?