

## “Evaluating Church Gatherings” 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

\*A Major Problem: Your church gatherings do more harm to people than good. v.17

\*A Revealing Contrast v. 18-27

• The Corinthian Gathering

vs.

• The Lord's Supper

~ Together but divided

~ Personally indulgent and others unaware

~ Remembering the work of Christ

~ Proclaiming the Gospel of Christ

• “An unworthy manner”: To share in a ritual intended to remember and proclaim Christ, when in reality Christ is not reflected or promoted.

• This is not a warning to unbelievers, but believers who profess Christ but do not display the life of Christ in the corporate gathering.

• A compelling corporate question: Do people experience Christ at CFC?

\*The Sobering Consequences for Such Actions v. 29-32

• You are bringing God's discipline upon yourself.

• You are harming the body of Christ and hindering unbelievers from seeing Christ. *John 13:35*

\*The Cure for Such Behavior v. 28, 33-34

• Examine yourself: Do others experience Christ when they experience me?

• Prepare yourself: Are you doing privately what is necessary for you to display Christ corporately?