

## WHY COMMUNION?

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

The Lord's Supper is not about what we can do for God; it is about what God has done for us. It is a special reminder of the unique relationship we have with God and the special union we have with one another.

### Communion or disunion – a crisis in character

My favoritism can turn worship into a harmful situation.

I show contempt for God's church in my selectivity of individuals.

### God's communiqué or our agenda

Remembering Jesus with the wafer says we all share the same roots.

Remembering Jesus with the cup says we all share the same relationship.

Regular participation in the Lord's Supper says nothing is more important to us than Jesus's death.

### God's good or our bad?

Messing up communion is like painting a moustache on the Mona Lisa.  
(Exodus 17:6 with Numbers 20:11)

- We deface the picture of Christ's death
- We deface the picture of Christ's church

God's delay does not mean that he doesn't take it seriously.

Unworthy means unthinking

Unworthy means uncaring

Unworthy means unrepentant

It's time for communion. As we approach it today, make a special effort to focus on Christ and his church – on the blessings that you have because of what he has done for you. Remember him!

## Small Group Homework - Week of June 6, 2016

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Sunday we celebrated communion. There's a good chance that more than 10 million churches have celebrated communion in the recent past (my estimate – you can ask me how I got that figure). We're just following orders! What are some of the thoughts that you had during that time?

### Digging Deeper – John 6

1. After Jesus fed 5,000+ people, they looked for him and found him the next day. What did Jesus have to say to them? (Read John 6:26-27)

We all have things to do. How would these verses apply to you on a practical level?

2. Read verse 35-37. Think hard about what that means. Does the potential of this verse say anything to you here-and-now or is it just in relation to some far-off day?
3. Read verses 55-56 and John 15:4-5. What does it mean to remain or abide in Christ and what does that do for us?

4. On Sunday Jim said that a failure to discern the body of Christ spoke also to the church and a denial of its basic function of love and fellowship. How did the Corinthian church fail in their celebration of communion? (1 Cor 11:17-22)

What are some ways that we as a church or as individuals might be “eating the bread or drinking the cup” in an unworthy manner?

5. Is there any way in which this week's study has enhanced or changed your view of the Lord's Supper?

### Prayer Requests