

We The Church – Part 4

Getting to Know You:

What is the best celebration you have ever attended? What made it so memorable?

Going Deeper:

Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-22 and list the problems that Paul is addressing in this passage. What is Paul's overall concern for them? For their faith?

- Considering the problems listed, what should our heart attitudes be when we come together for communion?
- Read James 2:1-11. What is the problem with division in the Church of Jesus?
- Look again at James 2:4-5 – specifically, what problems do factions cause when observing communion? Why does this matter for our faith?

Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. According to this passage, what is the significance of the New Covenant, and why do we celebrate it when we take communion?

- Read Hebrews 10:1-12. Discuss the ways that Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament Law, and the difference between our faith today and the Jewish faith before Jesus.
- Beyond communion, how else could/should we revere Jesus in his death and resurrection for us? How might we celebrate Jesus in our everyday lives in practical ways?

Read 1 Corinthians 11:27-34.

- Paul said the 'j' word – why is taking Communion "in an

unworthy manner” so serious to God that we would come under his judgment? What is the sin issue here?

- Look again at verse 32 – why does God discipline us? Also consider Hebrews 12:5-11.
- Look again at verses 28-29. How exactly do we “examine” ourselves? What value does this have for our faith and our church community as we take communion regularly?
- Look again at verses 33-34 – what are some barriers we face to unity in our church family? How might we practically overcome them?

Taking it Home:

Take time this week to praise Jesus and thank him for dying for you.