

The Gathering

1 Cor 11:17-22

Week of October 22, 2023

BELONG

Ask this Ice Breaker Question: Have you ever been blindsided by someone in a relationship? Either a friendship, a family relationship, or a work situation?

BELIEVE

Have someone in your group read aloud: 1 Corinthians 11:17-22

Ask these questions to prompt group discussion:

- 1. Paul is addressing the manner in which people gather, as believers, for a common meal. What have been your experiences, both good and bad, in gathering with other Christians to share a common meal?**
- 2. Some of the poor church members were blindsided and felt rejected at this Christian meal. Has there ever been a time when you felt rejected by a Christian group?**
- 3. Paul is thinking about the Gospel as the reorienting point of this disfunction in the church. He will also bring out the Lord's Supper as a way to reorient people to God's vision for church community. How do you see the Gospel helping to reorient the church anytime she gets wayward?**

Leader Context: *The Gospel is this: We are more sinful than we can possibly imagine. But, in Jesus, we are more loved than we can believe.*

- If we are all made in God's image and we all respond to the Gospel with acceptance of Jesus, then we all have a place at the table.*
 - If God so loved the World then when He brings the World to a Christian event, the role of the church is to welcome back the prodigal family member.*
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BECOME:

- 4. How do you think your members can practice this type of Gospel-welcoming hospitality in your group when it gathers?**