

# The Gathering

1 Cor 11:17-34

Week of October 29, 2023

## BELONG

**Ask this Ice Breaker Question:** How did your church practice the Lord's Supper growing up? Bread and wine? Bread and juice? Common Cup? Dipping the bread in the juice? If you didn't grow up in the church, what was it like the first time you took the Lord's Supper?

## BELIEVE

**Have someone in your group read aloud: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34**

**Ask these questions to prompt group discussion:**

**1. Jesus chose bread and wine as the two elements of the Lord's Supper. Why do you suppose, that of all possible meal elements, he selected these two?**

Leader Context: *Scholars are not sure why Jesus Jesus chose those two elements...*

- *He chose ordinary and regular meal elements to represent The Gospel. Things that would have been on any table in that time period. He did not choose obscure or random elements.*
- *He chose the two MOST COMMON elements of a meal, given the agricultural template for Hebrew meals. There were many vineyards in Israel. Bread was a common staple of Hebrew meals. They would have been readily available for any person at every meal.*
- *Jesus chose the ordinary and common things to make an extraordinary and uncommon statement.*

**2. Paul places an emphasis on examining your life during The Lord's Supper. Why do you suppose Paul wants this moment to be one of examination?**

Leader Context:

- *Vision leaks. So it is good to keep the good things in front of us.*
- *Values deserve repetition. So it is good to repeat the things that are most sacred to us.*
- *Examination is a practice that requires us to remind ourselves of what matters.*

- *The Lord's Supper was meant to be a horizon line that reorients us to The Gospel.*

**3. Some Christian leaders have likened the Lord's Supper to the renewal of vows. What do you think about this comparison?**

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**BECOME:**

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**Challenge: Work with your group to arrange a time to share an AGAPE meal and Lord's supper with the singing of a hymn. If you would like a script on how to facilitate this experience, you can text SUPPER to 40777.**