

## DISCUSSION GUIDE



**"A Highly Charged  
Environment"**  
**Corinthians Are U.S., Pt. 15**  
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**WELCOME & WORSHIP** *Meet at the front of Sanctuary.*

**WORD** [1 Corinthians 11:17-34](#)

1. What stood out to you the most in the message? Why?
2. Why do we exist in "a highly charged environment" when we gather as church in the name of Jesus? Describe what is happening in the spiritual realm.
3. **Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-22.** How was the Corinthian church abusing the Lord's supper when they gathered, creating divisions/factions within the church? Apply this to today's church.
4. **Read verses 23-26.** What are words that describe a worthy posture and attitude to have as we receive the elements and what it represents? How would we receive it in an unworthy manner?
5. **Read verses 27-29.** This passage exalts the sacrament and sacredness of Communion. Consider anything we do in a sacred sense as the Body of Christ when we gather (worship/singing, prayer, teaching and receiving the Word, altar calls, dGroups, youth group, weddings etc.):
  - How can we be careful not to bring in an unworthy heart or mind into these sacred environments?
  - How might we 'drink' judgment upon ourselves if we fail to discern the sacredness of the gathering?
6. **Read verse 30-31.** Why were many weak and sick or fallen asleep because they did this with an unworthy manner? (In other words, what grace are we forfeiting?)
7. What are the 3 critical items that one should consider before receiving the elements?
8. After hearing this Word, what is God impressing upon your heart? What is your faithful response to it?

**WITNESS** **Close by reading John 3:16.** This week, continue to meditate on the Cross and the Communion we took together on Sunday. Pray that the Lord would keep our hearts/minds in a posture of love and extreme humility as we walk out in the world as ambassadors for Christ.