

# BETTER WAY

## 1 Corinthians - Chapters 11-12

### OVERVIEW

1 Corinthians 11-12 - Worship and the Body: The dynamic ecology of faith

*"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though the parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ."*

- 1 Corinthians 9:26-27

### Chapter 11

- ▶ Imitate me, as I imitate \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ Verse 3. The head of every man is Christ. The head of a wife is her husband. The head of Christ is God.
- ▶ Can women \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_?
- ▶ In the Lord, women and men exist in a mutually \_\_\_\_\_ relationship.

So Paul is dealing with how to operate in a way that

- a. Makes sure folks in the church do NOT make it about \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Makes sure they are operating in a manner that is \_\_\_\_\_ cogent.

▶ 11:17-33. The Lord's Supper. An important section. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ in the NT outside of the Gospels that has this.

▶ Paul's first point:

You have \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord's Supper.

An \_\_\_\_\_ verbal formula. Take me...in. Abide.

### Verses 27-32

- Recognize the \_\_\_\_\_
- Reflect on your \_\_\_\_\_
- Judge yourself and judge (understand) the \_\_\_\_\_ (the Lord, the Body)

### Chapter 12

- ▶ The spirit in you and the gifts are not for \_\_\_\_\_. They are not to express how you are \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ They are given by God for the good of the body, for the edification or building up or strengthening of the body...the local expression of \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ There is one \_\_\_\_\_ who gives them.
- ▶ All are from the Spirit. As the Spirit wills. For the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the body of Christ
- ▶ We need each other
- ▶ Gifts are not about the one who \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 24)
- ▶ We are connected...even if we \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ You did not do anything to earn the gift you have. It is a \_\_\_\_\_!

### Take it home

- Cultivate connection with the Holy Spirit.
- Determine Godly priorities for you and your community. What is your plan?
- Love for others.
- Self-discipline (deny Empire of Me).
- Be thoughtful about your environment.

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## LifeGroup Questions - Doing Life Together

Week of Oct 10, 2021

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### PRAYER

Take a few moments to pray with one another and invite the Lord to be your guide.

### FAMILY LIFE SECTION

A. Have an adult use their phone to search an image of a well-known character. Zoom in on the image so it is challenging to identify the big picture and have people guess the image.

B. Discuss how important it is to know the "big picture" of a Bible passage. Ask why it can be dangerous if we "zoom in" without understanding the original audience. Review who wrote the letter of 1 Corinthians, who it was written to, and the major themes (unity of the church, being servant-hearted, and the glory of God being made known to the world through His people).

### MY STORY

What was your least favorite rule in your house growing up as a child? Why did you not enjoy it? Why do you think that rule was in place?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1) Read 1 Corinthians 11:1. When Paul says that he is imitating (following) the example of Christ, what kind of life does that look like? Would others be able to say the same about you?

2) Read 1 Corinthians 11:2-16. One of the 1 Corinthians themes is a willingness to use our personal freedoms for the benefit of the church and not simply ourselves. How does a modest lifestyle (the mindset of not bringing attention to oneself) help a person better serve the church? Read and discuss 1 Peter 3:3-4.

3) Considering 1 Corinthians 11:2-16, which of these verses make your eyebrows raise the highest? While the cultural differences may seem alarming, Paul's primary concern is the unity of the church being servant-hearted, and the glory of God being made known to the world through His people. Consider these verses from the perspective of a non-Christian who may attempt to skew the Bible to be anti-woman (it is actually quite the opposite). How might you talk about this passage with that person?

4) Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-22. Paul is upset with the Corinthians for creating self-divisions within the church based on socio-economic status and doing nothing to support one another. Have you ever found yourself in a position of separating yourself from others within the church based on superficial differences? Have you ever found yourself talking about the struggles that others are facing without reaching out and serving your fellow brothers and sisters in need?

5) Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. The practice of communion is one that allows us to focus on the central truth of the gospel message: Jesus' blood atoning for our sins and by His grace we are invited to share in His eternal kingdom and partner in sharing this gospel with the world. Communion gives us the chance to truly reflect on the truth of the gospel and our relationship with Jesus. How might you describe communion to a non-believing friend? Why is communion so important to the life of a believer?

### DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

6) Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-7. Spiritual gifts are the abilities that the Holy Spirit imparts to individual Christians for the health and strength of the church. How can one determine what their own spiritual gifts are? How can you come alongside someone else to help them discover their spiritual gifts? Visit [creeksideeg.com/next-steps/pathway/#serve](http://creeksideeg.com/next-steps/pathway/#serve) and take a free Spiritual Gifts survey.

7) Read 1 Corinthians 12:8-31. Have you ever felt jealous of another person's spiritual gifts? Why is it important to fulfill our unique role within the body of Christ? How can we all use our spiritual gifts to cultivate humility and servitude toward one another? Consider breaking into small groups and take turns affirming the Christlike attributes you see in one another.

### TAKING IT HOME

8) Read 1 Peter 4:7-11. We live in a culture defined by, "How can I make sure I'm getting what I deserve?" How does the gospel message cause us to rethink this statement? What is our goal as individuals within the greater body of Christ?

9) Consider reading ahead (1 Corinthians Chapters 13-14) to get ready for next week's message.

### PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for one another that we may strive to live in such a way that we share our giftings within the church body and imitate Christ.