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*Corinthians*  
growing pains

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<sup>33</sup> So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another— <sup>34</sup> if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.



**Leader:** The Word of the Lord

**Congregation:** Amen! Praise be  
to God!



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- Taking communion while living in **unrepentant sin**.



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