

## **1 Corinthians 11:17-34**

### **Passage Reflection**

This page is meant for individuals, small group Bible studies, or one-on-one interactions. Since learning more about the text's meaning in our corporate gathering, I would encourage you to meditate on the passage again so that you might respond to God in praise and obedience. While I have not answered all of the questions below for you, I've included some of my personal meditations that may be of some benefit. May reflection on this passage be used by God to conform you into the image of Christ.

-Pastor Andrew

#### **What do I learn about God?**

God the Son served the man who betrayed Him. Christ fellowshiped with the men closest to Him who would abandon him in a few hours.

#### **Is there anything for which I should repent based on this text?**

If God the Son fellowshiped with those who would mistreat Him later that night, how can I despise or look down on my brothers and sisters whom I share the Lord's Supper with?

#### **How might God use this passage to make me look more like Christ?**

Fellowship and love my brothers and sisters who sin against me.

#### **How does this passage affect evangelism?**

Church unity gives credibility to evangelism. Jesus said that they would know that we were His disciples if we had love for one another.

#### **How can I edify the church based on what this passage says?**

I can choose to demonstrate the love of Christ that is outlined later in the book. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 says, "4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

The way I can edify the church is by loving her when she is imperfect. After all, there isn't another kind of church in the world.

#### **Prayer**

Father, I say that I'm a follower of your Son. If that's true, I have the Holy Spirit who has put love for imperfect brothers and sisters into my heart. May I choose to fellowship with my brothers and sisters in the way my Lord fellowshiped with me – an imperfect, yet loved soul.