

***STUDYING THE BOOK OF 1 CORINTHIANS***  
***IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS***

**Lesson 17 - Propriety in Worship - [1 Corinthians 11:1-16](#)**

**Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.**

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[1] Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

1CO 11:2 I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding to the teachings, just as I passed them on to you.

1CO 11:3 Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. [4] Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head. [5] And every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head--it is just as though her head were shaved. [6] If a woman does not cover her head, she should have her hair cut off; and if it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut or shaved off, she should cover her head. [7] A man ought not to cover his head,\* since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man. [8] For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; [9] neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. [10] For this reason, and because of the angels, the woman ought to have a sign of authority on her head.

1CO 11:11 In the Lord, however, woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. [12] For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God. [13] Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? [14] Does not the very nature of things teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him, [15] but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For long hair is given to her as a covering. [16] If anyone wants to be contentious about this, we have no other practice--nor do the churches of God.

**DISCUSSIONS QUESTIONS**

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198. Whose example should all Christians follow? ([11:1](#))
199. For what did Paul praise the Corinthian church? ([11:2](#))
200. What public worship practices did Paul rebuke? ([11:2-16](#))
201. Who is the head of women, men, and Christ? ([11:3](#))

202. Why were women to have a sign of authority on their head? ([11:3-11](#))
203. Why does it dishonor a man's head to pray or prophesy with his head covered? ([11:3-4](#), [7](#))
204. Why does it dishonor a woman's head to pray or prophesy with her head uncovered? ([11:3](#), [5-10](#))
205. How seriously did Paul regard the woman who did not cover her head? ([11:6](#))
206. How are women and men different? ([11:7-8](#))
207. What relationship do men and women have to each other? ([11:11-12](#))
208. How did Paul try to head off criticism about these instructions? ([11:16](#))
209. In what ways were these instructions a response to problems unique to the Corinthian church?

### **Lesson 18 - The Lord's Supper - [1 Corinthians 11:17-34](#)**

1CO 11:17 In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. [18] In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. [19] No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval. [20] When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, [21] for as you eat, each of you goes ahead without waiting for anybody else. One remains hungry, another gets drunk. [22] Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you for this? Certainly not!

1CO 11:23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, [24] and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." [25] In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." [26] For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1CO 11:27 Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. [28] A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. [29] For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. [30] That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. [31] But if we judged ourselves, we would not come

under judgment. [32] When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

1CO 11:33 So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for each other. [34] If anyone is hungry, he should eat at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment.

And when I come I will give further directions.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Lesson 18 - The Lord's Supper - [1 Corinthians 11:17-34](#)

210. Why did Paul have no praise for the Corinthians here? ([11:17](#))
211. Why are there differences among believers? ([11:19](#))
212. What severe problem did Paul address in this passage? ([11:20-22](#))
213. What essential truths about the Lord's Supper and Jesus' redemptive work are presented in this passage? ([11:23-26](#))
214. Why should Christians celebrate Communion? ([11:24](#))
215. What is accomplished by eating the bread and drinking the wine of the Lord's Supper? ([11:26](#))
216. What role does Communion play in the task of evangelism? ([11:26](#))
217. What is the result of partaking of the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner? ([11:27](#))
218. What should a person do before partaking of the Lord's Supper? ([11:28](#))
219. What did the illness and death suffered by the Corinthians reveal about God's attitude toward Communion? ([11:30](#))
220. Why does the Lord discipline His children? ([11:32](#))
221. What additional advice did Paul give to Christians preparing for Communion? ([11:33-34](#))
222. Why is a spirit of reverence important when partaking of the Lord's Supper?
223. What practice in your local fellowship may need to be reexamined in light of this Scripture?

