

Bible study Lesson (3)  
A church dealing with real messiness

1 Corinthians 11:17-22

<sup>17</sup>”Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. <sup>18</sup>For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and to some extent I believe it. <sup>19</sup>Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. <sup>20</sup>When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord’s supper. <sup>21</sup>For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. <sup>22</sup>What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!”

Q1. What kind of issue did Paul notice in this church? (1 Corinthians 11: 18-19)

Q2. When did the issue begin? (1 Corinthians 11: 20)

Q3. What did it happen during the Lord’s supper? (1 Corinthians 11: 21)

Deep question

D1. What can make God’s church united?

D2. How can you handle when you see similar happenings in your congregation?

D3. What is the most important lesson that you learned from the passage?

Prayer

Lord, we are called to love and support. However everyday we experience different issues and matters that shake our heart and make us frustrated. Through the lesson from the Corinthian church, help us to know the way that we can wisely and prayerfully share your love with others. Give your wisdom so that we can be truly thankful and to expand your welcome and hospitality. We pray in Jesus’ name, Amen.