

# Growth Group Leader Guide

This “growth group leader guide” is meant to be just that, a guide. Please feel free as the leader of your group to add questions or comments as you feel necessary to fit your group’s dynamics.

Also, don’t feel pressured to cover every question.

## Lord’s Supper

Read as a group 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

**“The Lord’s Supper as a mean for fellowship with God and one another.”**

- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

### Opening Discussion Question

**What are some “differences” that could manifest themselves in a church? Have you ever been in a church where those differences turned into divisions?**

### Read 1 Corinthians 11:17 - 34

11:17-22 “The Problem”

- From verses 18-22, what was the practice or behavior that Paul was addressing?
- What was it about the behavior that was wrong?

11:23-24 “The Correction”

- In verses 23-26, what key truths did Paul teach them concerning the Lord’s Supper?

- What did Jesus mean when he said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood”? What’s “new” about it?

*Leader’s Cheat – It is what we have been studying in 1 John (3:23.) This is John quoting Christ’s teaching during “the night in which He was betrayed” John 13:34-35; 15:12*

- What is the Lord’s Supper really all about? What is the point? How does this discussion fit with the issue in 11:17-22?
- What does it mean to “drink the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner?”

### **Read 1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

1 Corinthians 11:29 mentions that “anyone eating and drinking without discerning (or rightly judging) the body eats and drinks judgment on themselves.”

- Looking at 1 Corinthians 10:16-17: What does it mean to judge the body rightly (11:29)?

**Bobby Jamieson (“9Marks Ministries”)** – *The Lord’s Supper is the renewing oath-sign of the new covenant. In the Lord’s Supper, we renew our commitment to Christ and each other. And it is this twofold commitment that makes a church a church.*

- How does this “twofold commitment” make us “a church”?
- How should participation in the Lord’s Supper be unifying to a local body of believers?

### **Read 1 Corinthians 4:7**

- The particular issue in Corinth had to do with behavior at the “Love Feast” before the Lord’s Supper, but the bigger issue is any discrimination or indifference towards any who part of the body of Christ. Read 1 Corinthians 4:7. Why is it offensive to God for us to call ourselves Christians but promote one person as more important (or less important) than another?

- How does all of this apply to us as it involves brothers and/or sisters we may have issues with?

**Are you willing to commit yourself to doing your part in making sure no one ever leaves COBC without feeling welcome and accepted? What about stepping outside of your “comfort zone” and extending yourself to those at COBC that you have yet to meet? How about prayerfully considering “reconciliation” with those you may not be in a God-honoring fellowship with?**