

June 4, 2023

## GATM: Glass Onion – Unity (1 Cor 11:17-34)

*Sacrifice for the sake of unity.*

*Warmup: What is the most unusual dinner/supper you have attended?*

### READ 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

- What was the underlying issue with the brothers and sisters in the Corinthian Church?
- How does the Apostle Paul describe the practice of the Lord's Supper (Communion)? What was the church doing wrong and what changes did they need to make?
- What is God saying to you in these verses?

### REFLECT

- Have you observed divisions in churches (or organizations) that you have been a part of? From your vantage point, how did that impact the church or organization?
- What are some issues or differences you may have with other brothers and sisters in Christ that could deter unity? Are they cultural differences? Differences in beliefs or practices? How would Christ view these differences?
- How is the Spirit speaking to you right now?

### RESPOND

- Inconveniences and sacrifices are often needed to achieve the unity described in this passage. What are some things you are willing to sacrifice for the sake of unity: style of worship music, preaching style, attending an earlier service so more people can attend the later one, choosing a parking space further away, sitting closer together, serving with people you don't know very well, giving financially . . . Name one of these things you are willing to sacrifice this week.
- What does it mean to you to "examine yourself" (v. 27-28) in preparation for the Lord's Supper? What can you do to prepare yourself to honor that time?
- How is the Spirit leading you to respond this week?

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