

Pastor Paul Dawson • October 14-15, 2023 • [Fill-In Online Bulletin](#)
Recognizing the Body • [1 Corinthians 11:17-33](#)

¹⁷But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, ¹⁹for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. ²⁰When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. ²¹For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. ²²What! Do you not have houses 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 commend you in this? No, I will not.

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

³³So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another...(1 Corinthians 11:17-33 ESV)

Community is seen, experienced, and lived out as we discern/recognize the Body of Christ while gathering with other disciples of Jesus.

- When we gather without recognizing the Body – it is for the worse. (verse 17)

- When we gather without recognizing the Body – we expose our divisions, which is not all bad. (verses 18-19)

- When we gather without recognizing the Body – we show contempt for the church and those who are a part of it. (verse 22)

- When we gather without recognizing the Body – we bring judgment on ourselves. (verses 27-30)

BUT

- When we gather AND recognize the Body – we find our unity in Christ. (verses 23-26)

- When we gather AND recognize the Body – we live out Christ's own prayer for us... Unity!

²⁰"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. (John 17:20-23)

- When we gather AND recognize the Body – we become living proof of God's grace, God's power, God's goodness, and God's purpose!

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:4-9)

How can you recognize the Body of Christ this week?

- Look for the common grace you share with others.
- Look for the fruit of the Spirit in their lives and celebrate it.
- Look for what unites you more than what divides you.
- Look for ways that you can support them and learn from their faith.

What's happening with the Lighthouse family...

Because relationship with one another is at the core of being a disciple of Christ, we invite you to find community and experience spiritual transformation through LCC's groups, classes, events, and service opportunities.

Meet the Jorgensons: Get to know the Jorgensons, our global outreach partners serving in Cambodia with the C&MA. Reception following each worship service this weekend, October 14-15. Come hear their stories and show your support. No registration needed.

Packing Party: Help LCC Kids pack up 150 boxes for Operation Christmas Child to be sent out to kids all over the world through Samaritan's Purse. Learn more and sign up at www.lighthousehome.org/packing-party. 3pm on October 21.

Tribes: Discipleship groups for students 6th-12th grade kickoff on October 22. Visit www.lighthousehome.org/students for details and to sign up.

The Well: A group for young adults 18-25. Meets every Monday at 7pm. No need to register. Contact Jessie Galan (jessie@lighthousehome.org) for more info.

Costume Party for Students: 6th-12th GRADE Our theme is 80's disco. Dinner included. No need to register. 6pm-8pm on October 25 in Room 320 (Building 2).

Men's Breakfast: All men are invited to this monthly event. Connect and enjoy a great breakfast. 8am on October 28 in the Fellowship Center. No need to register.

Medicare Seminar: For anyone interested in info about the Medicare system. 10am-noon on October 28. Visit www.lighthousehome.org/medicare for a link to register.

eNews: Sign up for LCC's weekly eNews. Get special announcements and messages from our pastors and Leadership Team, updates and emergency notices, and a first look at upcoming groups, classes, and events. Visit www.lighthousehome.org/enews to sign up.

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