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Ice Breaker: Describe different ways that you have seen churches do The Lord's Supper and different names they have had for it.

1. Restate in a broad sense what the reason was for Paul rebuking the Corinthians regarding their practice of observing the Lord's Supper? Think broadly...no need to recite specifics.
  1. Where else in the Bible do you recall specific teaching on right and wrong ways to worship?
    1. Consider Isaiah 1:9-17, Matt 15:7-9, and Isaiah 58
  2. What is more important than the any ritual or religious activity we might participate in?
2. Explain how the Lord's Supper is an illustration of the gospel. Include both elements and also the action we take with the elements in your description. Work as a group on this.
  1. How would gluttonous or selfish practice in this observance be a distortion of the gospel picture?
  2. Does it make sense that partaking in the body and blood of Christ would invite God's judgment upon you if you were not doing so in gratitude and worship and with brokenness over your sin? Why or why not?
3. Paul is serious about the Lord's Supper being a group practice and not something done out of turn apart from the collection of believers. See vv 20-21, 33.
  1. What does this communicate about the importance of fellowship and community in the church?
  2. How do you see the proper biblical balance of private and corporate worship, in practical application?
4. In what ways do you see someone else (no names needed) contributing to the building up of community life at Crossroad?
  1. Do you see any way that you can get more invested in building community to enhance our worship together?

**Sermon Idea:** "The Lord's Supper reorients us to Christ's work on our behalf and causes us to renew our relationships in the Church."

**I. The Lord's Supper taken the wrong way is not the Lord's Supper at all. (vv 17-22)**

- A. The church at Corinth was divided. (vv 17-19; 1 Cor 1-14)
- B. The church at Corinth selfish and carnal. (v 21)
- C. The church at Corinth was unconcerned with others. (v 22; 1 John 3:14)
- D. The church at Corinth was irreverent to God. (v 22)
- E. The church at Corinth missed the Lord's Supper completely. (v 20)
- F. How may we miss the Lord's Supper in our worship?

**II. Partaking in the Lord's Supper the right way is the church proclaiming the gospel. (vv 23-26)**

- A. The Lord's Supper shows the death of Christ. (vv 26-28; Isa 53:6, 10; Matt 20:18-19, 28; John 12:32-33)
- B. The Lord's Supper shows the preeminent truth of the gospel. (Rom 1:16; John 3:14, 16; 14:6)
- C. The Lord's Supper shows our continual need for the gospel. (1 Cor 1:18)
- D. The Lord's Supper shows how we share in the gospel. (Phil 1:5; 1 Cor 10:17; 1 John 3:18)
- E. The Lord's Supper shows others their need for the gospel. (v 26; Luke 24:44-47)
- F. Have you truly believed the gospel and placed your trust in Christ?
- G. Are you experiencing the transforming power of the gospel today?

**III. Prepare yourself for the Lord's Supper to participate with the church in keeping the ordinance. (vv 27-34)**

- A. The Corinthian believers were making mockery of Christ's work on the cross. (v 27)
- B. The Corinthian believers were bringing judgment on themselves. (vv 29-31)
- C. Despite the Corinthian believers chastisement, they were being kept by God's grace. (v 32)
- D. Paul called the Corinthian believers to confession and repentance again. (v 28)
- E. Paul called the Corinthian believers into right relationship with one another. (v 33)
- F. We must honestly take inventory of our spiritual condition before God. (v 28; Ps 139:23-24)
- G. We must let God deal with our sins through confession and cleansing. (1 John 1:9-10; Prov 28:13; Psalm 32:3-5)
- H. We must love others and grow in the unity of the body of Christ. (v 33; John 13:35; Matt 5:21-24)
- I. What sins has the Holy Spirit brought to your mind that need to be dealt with today before we come to the Lord's table?
- J. What relationships with others need to be restored for you to go forward living in consistent victory?
- K. What changes do you need to make to bring the discipline of remembering Christ's death a daily reality in your life?