

1 Corinthians 10:15-17; 11:17-34; 15

Jesus said to them "... whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him up at the last day."
John 6:54

Reading this week:

- S 1 Corinthians 11:17-26
- M 1 Corinthians 11:27-30
- T Luke 22:7-20
- W 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- Th 1 Corinthians 15:12-34
- F 1 Corinthians 15:35-49
- S 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Firstly, there were problems with the breaking of bread meetings. People seemed to have completely the wrong attitude about this special meal. Look at the verses from 1 Corinthians 11 and write down what the issues were.

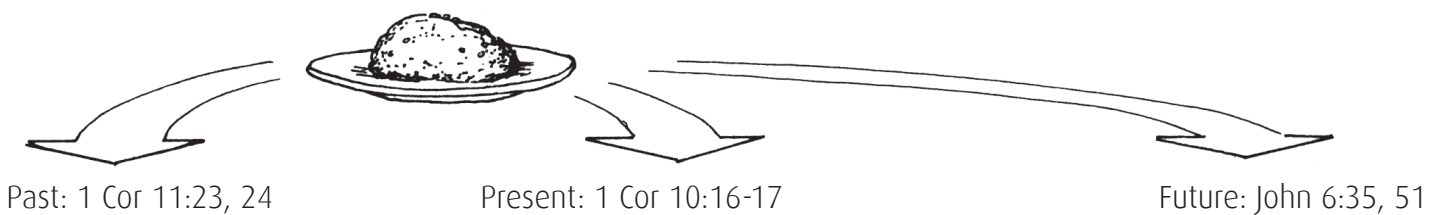
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What do you think the Lord's Supper is? What is it for? Discuss your ideas then look at verses 23-26. Write down the things you think are important.

Look up these passages and write down what they tell you about the bread and the wine.



1 Corinthians 15 describes the other issue. Some people thought there was no resurrection. Paul explained at length how Christ's resurrection is the very centre of our beliefs. Read verses 1-11. Who were the witnesses? Why was their evidence important?





Look at verses 12-19. Can you summarise what Paul is saying?



Now read verses 20-23. What does he mean about Adam and Christ?

Paul uses images of seeds and harvests to try to explain what he is saying. Look at verses 20, 23, 35-38 and 42-44. What are they saying?

	Who?	When?
 <p>First</p>		
 <p>Second</p>		

We often refer to people who have died, saying that they have "fallen asleep" in Christ. What does that mean? Why use the word sleep?

Jesus gave very few direct commands to his disciples, but breaking bread and drinking wine is one of them - Luke 22:19-20

Look at 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-44, and think about what the resurrection will be like



Digging Deeper

Of first importance

What did Paul say is of first importance when he wrote to the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4?

Read verses 5-8 and say what you think Paul means when he says in verse 8, that it's as though he was abnormally born or born out of due time?

After the Damascus journey, do you think there was any doubt in Paul's mind that Jesus had risen?

In verse 9 why does he say he doesn't deserve to be an apostle?

So why do you think Paul felt that the 'most important thing' was that Christ died for our sins?

What word do we use to describe God forgiving our sins through Jesus? It's mentioned three times in verse 10.

What effect did God's grace have on what Paul did?

Even then, what did Paul say helped him work?

Thank
God for
the promise of
resurrection in
his kingdom.