



A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of December 31, 2023

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Warm Up

- What heart-idols do you find yourself running to over and over? What does that idol promise you?

I Corinthians 10:14-22

Participation in the Body of Christ

¹⁴Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. ¹⁸Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? ¹⁹What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. ²¹You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. ²²Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

- **Why is idolatry incompatible with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper?**
- **What does Paul teach us about the spiritual significance of the Lord's Supper?**
- **For Paul, what does it mean to "participate" in the body of Christ? (16)**
- **In what sense is the Lord "jealous"? (22)**
- **At WEPC, we participate in the Lord's Supper every Sunday. In light of this passage, when should we be seeing and believing as we come to the Table?**
- **Jesus has made us dead to sin, and alive to God. His sacrifice has given us fellowship with God forever. Reflect on this week's passage together, and use it as a guide for a time of prayer.**

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