



February 2023
CALVARY
BAPTIST CHURCH
Growth Group Questions

February 5- 1 Corinthians 11:1-16

1. Describe your favorite hat and when you wear it.
2. Why does Paul basically start this section of 1 Corinthians 11 with the subject of headship? Why does he want them to know this?
3. In verses 4-16, what does Paul teach about men and women's responsibilities to cover their heads while worshipping in the Corinthian culture?
4. How can you apply principles taught from verses 4-16 today in our culture?
5. According to the following verses, how do we know Paul is not advocating that men are superior to women?
Ephesians 1:27-28

Romans 2:11

Galatians 3:28-29
6. Using Philippians 2:5-11, explain how Jesus' submission to the Father demonstrates that submission does not equate to inequality.
7. How can we make sure we honor God when we are gathered with our church?
8. What is the equivalent of head coverings and hair length in our setting? What practical implications are there in this for us?

February 12- 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

1. When you take communion, what aspect of it is your main focus?
2. Why did Paul say that when the Corinthians met together they did more harm than good? What was going on that made him say this?
3. In the midst of Paul giving the Corinthians an apparent shellacking for their behavior, he includes verses 23-26. Why do you think he did this? What can we learn from it?
4. What does Paul mean by eating and drinking in an “unworthy manner”?
5. What sort of self-examination is appropriate for the Lord’s Supper?
6. Do verses 29-30 heighten the seriousness of what takes place in preparation for taking communion? Have you ever had to readjust your own attitude toward it?
7. What is the point of Paul’s teaching about the Lord’s Supper and the Lord’s discipline in verse 32?
8. In what ways might we fail to have regard for others when we meet together as a church?
9. What lessons can we learn from this weeks study?

February 19- 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

1. What is one of the best gifts you have ever received?
2. Look at verses 1-3. Why would Paul start the discussion on gifts like this?
3. According to verses 4-11, there are gifts, services, and activities given by God. What is the ultimate purpose of those things?
4. Are the gifts listed in verses 8-10 the only gifts given by God? (Look at Romans 12:1-8 and Ephesians 4:1-16)
5. What do you think your spiritual gifts might be?
6. Discuss the importance of spiritual gifts based on verses 12-26. Do certain gifts make one more spiritual than another? Can we function as a church if everyone has the same gift? Can we function as a church if we do not use the gifts God has given us?
7. Why shouldn't we view some gifts as greater than others?
8. Which brothers or sisters in Christ are you tempted to look down on? What would it look like for you to have concern for them instead?
9. How has this passage honed or changed your view of spiritual gifts and their use?

February 26- 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

1. What is one of your favorite love songs?
2. What do verses 1-3 say about the value of spiritual gifts? What do they teach us about motivation? What might be some false motivations?
3. Describe the difference between the love described here, and the way the world might define love.
4. Verses 4-7 are often used in weddings, and that's fine, but given the context of the surrounding verses (chapters), what is the more accurate meaning of them?
5. What changes do you need to make or experience to demonstrate this kind of love to others?
6. What is taught about spiritual gifts and eternity in verses 8-10?
7. What does verse 12 teach you about Christian hope?
8. Think through your average week. How can you make sure that you prioritize love over all things?

“... These searching and beautiful words are primarily designed to help churches use spiritual gifts wisely... his intention was that nobody elevate prophesying over patience, healing over hope, speaking in languages over speaking in love. If I do that, however spiritual I might feel about it, “I am nothing”.” Andrew Wilson