

God's Beautiful Messy Church
Week's Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22
Discussion Guide: August 14, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! - 1 Corinthians 10:12

- Is there any particular way in which you can say "I stood firm" this past week?

OPEN:

- How have you thought of evil spiritual forces being active in our world?

READ and ASK: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22

- What is Paul's simple answer to the question of being involved in settings of pagan worship?
- What sort of idols do you see being worshipped today?
 - o What kinds of activities today are like the pagan temple parties in Corinth?
 - o What does Paul say is really behind the "nothing idols"?
- In supporting his instruction to avoid eating meals at the pagan temple, Paul appeals to the Lord's Supper. How would you explain to a friend that eating the bread and drinking the cup is a "participation" in Christ's body and blood?
 - o How do Paul's words affect your attitude toward the Lord's supper?
 - o How can you renew your reverence for the Lord when you celebrate Communion?
- Why is participating in these meals at the pagan temples different than just eating meat that has been sacrificed to idols?
- What kinds of behavior provoke the Lord to jealousy?
 - o Why is it important to know that the Lord is a jealous God?

APPLY:

- What do you need to remember the next time you take Communion?

- What can you do to prepare for the next time you celebrate the Lord's Supper?
- NEXT STEP: What idols do you need to avoid in your life?
 - How can communion be an important part of overcoming these idols?

Memory Work:

Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. - 1 Corinthians 10:14

Next Week's Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1