

## 1 Corinthians - United in Gathering

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

**Purpose:** Church (gatherings of Christians) is the most visible expression of Christian faith in every society. Buildings are simply space; people are the witness. Gathering as the church is an encouragement for believers, and it's an invitation to not-yet-believers. We are united in the fact that we gather, and (hopefully) we are united in the act of gathering! This is the emphasis of United in Gathering.

**Opening Interaction:** To you, what is *great* hospitality? Describe a time when you felt entirely invited, welcomed and loved.

### Read and Discuss:

- In these passages, what details seem important? Does anything jump out at you?
  - What is the author communicating to the audience?
  - What does this passage teach us about God?
1. Read Luke 14:12-24. Who gets to be part of the gathering?
  2. Read James 2:1-13. Why might favoritism be so hurtful in the church?
  3. Fill in this sentence with two separate answers (bonus points if everyone participates!):  
*Calvary Church could show its unity in gathering by \_\_\_\_\_.*
  4. Fill in this sentence with one answer each: *I can show my unity in gathering by \_\_\_\_\_.*
  5. Make a plan to ask each other next week how that action step went!

### Calvary Season of Prayer: Anticipation

We should anticipate being encouraged when we gather. We should also anticipate people believing the good news of Jesus. Take time to pray :

- Asking God to heal and energize our church.
- Asking God to teach us how to be a part of unity when we gather.
- Asking God for the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus throughout the week!