

Meditations on the Message

Sunday: April 3, 2016. *Honor One Another*

Text: **1 Corinthians 11**

Re-read the above text and consider the following thoughts and questions:

1. In the Corinthian culture of the first century, a man with his head covered in a corporate worship gathering indicated that he was the priest or the supreme leader (the pagan temple priest lead worship with their head covered).
How does this cultural information help you understand what Paul was communicating to the worshipping men in his letter to them?

In the Corinthian culture of the first century, a woman in public without a head-covering looked independent at best, immoral at worst.

How does this cultural information help you understand what Paul is communicating to the worshipping women in his letter to them?

How might husbands and wives express self-giving love and honor toward one another as the church gathers today?

2. Just as husbands and wives should honor one another, so church members should honor one another. The Corinthian Christians were actually guilty of dishonoring one another as they celebrated the Lord's Supper. The meal became a time when distinctions in the body were being created, as opposed to their unity in Christ being celebrated.

How might Christians today celebrate the Lord's Supper in an "unworthy manner?"

By considering what Paul communicated to the Corinthians, "examining ourselves" might have less to do with examining our personal relationship with Jesus as it does with examining how our relationship with Jesus is impacting our attitudes and activities toward one another in the body of Christ. How does considering the body of Christ (the Church) influence your attitude and participation around the Lord's Table?

3. What current cultural practices might be negatively influencing Christian worship today?
How might these things be addressed and remedied?