

Called To be
Saints

STUDIES IN FIRST CORINTHIANS

Coming Together for the Better

1 Corinthians 11:17-22

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Doing more harm than good ...

1. Their fellowship gatherings were *dividing* God's people, rather than *uniting* them.

Acts 20:7

“And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.”

Jude 12

“These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: ...”

Doing more harm than good ...

1. Their fellowship gatherings were *dividing* God's people, rather than *uniting* them.
2. Their approach to the Lord's Supper was self-oriented, cavalier, & corrupt.

Doing more harm than good ...

3. Their practice displayed a disregard, and even contempt, for God's church.

Coming together for the better ...

- A. Focus on Jesus and the cross.**
- B. No divisions or cliques.**
- C. Draw close to one another.**
- D. Be governed by a spirit of love and gratitude.**