

EBCLA SERMON

Family Covenant: Getting There Together

I Corinthians 11:17-34

July 19, 2020

WARM-UP QUESTIONS

1. What have you most missed doing during this now-extended Safer at Home period? What activities or practices have helped you find everyday joy and happiness?
2. Do you see yourself more of a patient or impatient person? More of an individualist or a team player? What does our society value or glorify? Because of this, what effects, both positive and negative, might you experience in your life, relationships, or work?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. In the passage above, Paul talks about “waiting for each other.” Why would waiting for each other be the first important step in bringing the different groups in Corinth together? What might be other steps of faith to experiencing greater unity and oneness?
2. What might “waiting for each other” look like outside of the gathering around the communion table, but in other aspects of our faith community’s life together?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Jason says that “Where we are going is not as important as getting there together.” What do you think he means? Is this in-line with our cultural narratives?
2. What might happen if we prioritize a covenant of family as the church wrestles with hard topics and disagreements?