**Reflection Questions for November 15, 2009**
**The Dysfunction of Drunkenness and Excess: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34**

1. In 1 Cor 11:17–19, Paul mentions there being factions among the Corinthians when they worship. Do you think these are the factions mentioned earlier in the letter (1 Cor 1:10ff), or something different?

2. Why does Paul say that the Corinthians do not really eat the Lord's Supper in v. 20?

3. What seems to be the situation in vv. 21–22 when the Corinthians gather for the Lord's Supper?

(Over)

4. Paul recounts the tradition of the Lord's Supper in vv. 23–24. For the Apostle, what is the significance of observing this weekly ritual (v. 26)? How does this view continue in Christian worship today?

5. What does Paul believe regarding those who profane the Lord's Supper (v. 27, 28–29)? Do you believe this is true for Christians today?

6. What commands does Paul give the Corinthians regarding their gathering for the Lord's Supper ( vv. 28–34)? How do these commands apply to Christian practices today?