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Getting Started with a Warm-Up:

- Tell the group something unique that you and/or your family have done during this pandemic?
- Share with the group something God has taught, impressed, or challenged you with during this pandemic?

Getting Down to Business:

The following questions are following this format: Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer (SOAP).

1) Scripture: Again reflecting on the sermon from last Sunday, answer <u>one</u> of these questions: A. What passage(s) of scripture were most meaningful to you? And why? B. What passage(s) of scripture did you learn most from? And why? C. What other passage(s) from scripture, not referred to in this sermon, are related to the topic? And how does this passage compare to the sermon topic?

(Suggestion: Leaders be prepared to share your personal reflection in case no one else does.)

 2) Observation: Read 1 Corinthians 10:16-18 below. How does this passage link the Lord's supper with the fellowship of believers? (Suggestion: The Lord's Supper is symbolic of the Gospel. The Gospel is what unites us into this body of believers.)

1 Corinthians 10:16-18, NLT*

¹⁶ When we bless the cup at the Lord's Table, aren't we *sharing* in the blood of Christ? And when we break the bread, aren't we *sharing* in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ And though we are many, we all eat from one loaf of bread, showing that we are one body. ¹⁸ Think about the people of Israel. Weren't they *united by eating* the sacrifices at the altar? [words italicized for emphasis]

*Below is an excerpt from the Bible Panorama Commentary that you can access by following the link after the excerpt.

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"In the light of all of this, he calls upon the Corinthians to evaluate carefully exactly what they participate in when taking the Lord's Supper. Their communion is in Christ, whose body was broken and blood was shed. Such evaluation should cause them to reject out of hand anything to do with idolatry, demon worship, immorality, paganism, or that which provokes God to jealousy. We are too weak to resist, and should claim His strength to resist the devil." (https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+10%3A16-18% 2C+NLT&version=NLT)

- 3) **Application:** Now that you understand more of what fellowship should be among believers how will this change your view of church?
- 4) **Prayer:** Guide your group to pray that the fellowship among yourselves and that of our church body would grow.