ACTS 2:42

"And they steadfastly persevered, devoting themselves constantly to the instruction and fellowship of the apostles, to the breaking of bread (including the Lord's Supper) and prayers."

- The Amplified Bible

FROM DISTRACTION TO TRACTION: CENTERED AROUND THE CROSS 1 Cor. 11:17-34

VSS. 17-22 THE LORD'S SUPPER, BUT FIRST, A GOOD CHEWIN' OUT

Their life together had deteriorated to the point that the Eucharist became to them meaningless. More harm than good, even. (Matt. 15:8)

Divisions. Pride. Self-absorption.

Absolutely everything that Jesus is not...

VSS. 27-34 AND A STERN WARNING

"An unworthy manner" is also described as "without recognizing the body of the Lord." The context reveals that "unworthy" is an attitude of the heart that focuses on self rather than on Christ.

Searching our own heart is essential (with an understanding of Psalm 139:23-24) in order to avoid judgment

VSS. 23-26 THE HEART OF IT ALL

Eucharist = thanksgiving

Communion = union with, fellowship, sharing (Rom. 8:17; Phil. 3:10-11)

The finished work of Christ on the Cross is central to our very life in Christ – even our very lives. When we reorient our lives around the Cross, it will impact every relationship, every ambition every drive, every desire, every direction, every dream.

As we do, selfishness subsides, pettiness pales and Christ is once again exalted in us and through us.

GALATIANS 2:20-21

The apostle Paul describes it this way: "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, BUT Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for IF righteousness could be gained through the Law, Christ died for nothing."