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Week 1 1 Corinthians 5:1-2, May 22

Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-2

1. What is the problem in the Corinthian church that Paul addresses in this chapter?
2. What is the specific immorality?
3. How did the Corinthian church deal with the problem?
4. What possible reasons can you think of to explain why the church hadn't take action already? Do churches today face similar issues dealing with immorality?
5. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there a particular point or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?
6. Some Christians think that sin is not that big of a deal because we are already forgiven. How does Galatians 6:7-10 help us stay away from this kind of goofy thinking?

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Week 1 continued

Sin is a big deal. That's why the Bible gives us guidelines for dealing with sin in our own lives and in the lives of those around us. Read the following verses and identify when we're supposed to get involved in the lives of others and the manner in which we are to do so.

Matthew 18:15; Matthew 5:23-24; Galatians 6:1-5.

7. As believers living in an immoral world, what steps can we take to protect ourselves from immorality? See also 1 Corinthians 10:12-13 and Hebrews 4:15-16.

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Week 2 1 Corinthians 5:1-13, May 29

Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

1. What had Paul done though he was not at Corinth? (5:3)
2. What is Paul's solution/how did he decide to deal with the situation? (5:3-5)
3. What does it mean in verse five to deliver such a person to Satan? (5:5)
4. If you were a Corinthian church member, how would you explain to your pagan neighbor why this man had been expelled? According to verse 1 how would that pagan neighbor most likely have responded to this sin?
5. What is the likely consequence of doing nothing? (5:6)
6. What does it mean to clean out the old leaven and to be unleavened?
7. What "feast"/"festival" is Paul talking about in verse 8?
8. Explain the sense in which Christ is our Passover.

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9. What kind of distinction do we need to make in dealing with immoral people? (5:9-13)
10. Why is it unnecessary for Christians to judge non-Christians? (5:12-13)
11. Why do you think it is so challenging to discipline a sinning Christian?

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Week 3 1 Corinthians 6:1-8, June 5

Read 1 Corinthians 6:1-8

1. Why was Paul disturbed by the practice of Christians bringing their disputes before non-Christians? (6:1-6)
2. Why is this a problem? Why do lawsuits cast a shadow over the Church?
3. Is it practical to think that there will be elders/judges in a church who can settle disputes?
4. In this passage, Paul recognizes that disputes will arise among believers, and he identifies two acceptable ways of handling them. What are they? (6:5,7)
5. What did the fact that the Corinthians were suing each other prove about them? (6:7-10)
6. When Paul says that we will judge the world and angels, what is he referring to? (See Matthew 19:29; Jude 1:6; Revelation 2:26-28) What does this have to do with lawsuits between believers?
7. What conclusions do unbelievers draw when they see Christians opposing one another in court?

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Week 4 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, June 12

Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (See also Galatians 5:19-21)

1. Who will not inherit the Kingdom of God? (6:9-10)
2. What does it mean to “inherit the Kingdom of God”?
3. Can't just anyone enter heaven, isn't everyone saved?
(See Matthew 25:41,46; Acts 4:12; John 14:6; John 3:16-18)
4. How about someone who says that they are a Christian who keeps doing these things listed in verses 9-10? (See 1 John 3:4-9; Hebrews 10:26; Romans 6:1-2)
5. How do you reconcile verses 9-10 with the grace of God?
(See 1 John 1:9; Ephesians 2:8-9; James 4:6)
6. What were some of the Corinthians before they were saved? (6:11)
7. What had changed the Corinthians' standing before God? (6:11)

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8. Define:

- "washed" (See Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 3:21)
- "sanctified" (See Leviticus 20:7-8; 1 Peter 1:2, 16)
- "justified" (See Romans 3:21-26; 4:5-8; 5:1, 9)

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Week 5 1 Corinthians 15:57-58; 16:13-14, June 19

Read 1 Corinthians 15:57-58

1. Who gives victory? How has God given Christians the victory over death?
2. Explain how we should work for the Lord (15:58). Can you give some applications?
3. Why is labor for the Lord not vain?

Read Colossians 3:23-24

4. How would you describe the attitude or behavior of someone who is working with all their heart for the Lord?

Read 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

5. Explain the expressions in 16:13-14. Why are these qualities needed?
6. What were Paul's specific instructions on how to live? (16:13)

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7. Who are some of the most courageous men you can think of?
8. Paul calls the Corinthians to watchfulness, courage, strength, and steadfastness. Why would they need such an exhortation?
9. How can the community of faith (the Church) be of assistance to one another when it comes to working hard and living courageously?

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Week 6 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, June 26

Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

1. What does Paul mean in verse 12 when he says, "all things are lawful for me"? Does that mean everything is OK for believers to do?
2. Explain the second part of the verse "I will not be mastered/ dominated by anything."
3. Where does the "freedom" to do whatever we want ultimately lead? (v. 12; see John 8:34; 2 Peter 2:19)
4. What will God destroy? For what are our bodies meant? (6:13)
5. What promise is given to Christians because God raised Jesus from the dead? (6:14)
6. What passage is quoted in 6:16, and what does it teach?
7. What's wrong with sex outside of marriage? (6:15-16)
8. What does it mean to be one with Christ in spirit? (6:17)

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9. Why is sexual immorality such a destructive sin (6:16-18)
10. What should we do when faced with sexual temptation? (6:18)
11. How can we protect ourselves from this ahead of time?
12. What gives God the right to claim ownership over us and our bodies? (6:19-20; Acts 20:28; Galatians 2:20) What price was paid for our bodies?
13. What is the conclusion on how we should use our body? How can this be applied to other areas besides sex?

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