

STUDYING THE BOOK OF 1 CORINTHIANS ***IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS***

Lesson 14 - Warnings From Israel's History - [1 Corinthians 10:1-13](#)

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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1CO 10:1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. [2] They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. [3] They all ate the same spiritual food [4] and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. [5] Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert.

1CO 10:6 Now these things occurred as examples* to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. [7] Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry."* [8] We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did--and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. [9] We should not test the Lord, as some of them did--and were killed by snakes. [10] And do not grumble, as some of them did--and were killed by the destroying angel.

1CO 10:11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. [12] So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! [13] No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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163. Why did Paul refer to Israel's history? ([10:1](#))
164. How do the Israelites serve as examples to us? ([10:1-6](#))
165. How were the ancient Israelites baptized? ([10:2](#))
166. What was the Israelites' spiritual food and drink? ([10:3](#))
167. Who was the "rock" that accompanied the Israelites in the wilderness? ([10:4](#))
168. How was the Israelites' rock in the wilderness significant? ([10:4](#))

169. How did God feel about the Israelites in the wilderness? ([10:5](#))
170. Why did God record the experiences of the Israelites? ([10:6](#), [11](#))
171. What evil actions cost many of the Israelites their lives? ([10:7-10](#))
172. Why should we care what happened to the ancient Israelites? ([10:11](#))
173. What warning did Paul give the Corinthians? Why? ([10:12](#))
174. Why is it important that all the temptations Christians face are common to everyone? ([10:13](#))
175. How is God faithful? ([10:13](#))
176. How does God help us when we are tempted? ([10:13](#))

Lesson 15 - Idol Feasts and the Lord's Supper - [1 Corinthians 10:14-22](#)

1CO 10:14 Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. [15] I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. [16] Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? [17] Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

1CO 10:18 Consider the people of Israel: Do not those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar? [19] Do I mean then that a sacrifice offered to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? [20] No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons. [21] You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons. [22] Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

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177. What importance did Paul assign to Communion? ([10:14-17](#))
178. What is the cup of thanksgiving? ([10:16](#))
179. How can a Christian participate in the body of Christ? ([10:16](#))
180. How can a diverse group of Christians remain unified? ([10:17](#))
181. Why did Paul refer to Israel's history? ([10:18](#))

182. What did Paul mean when he wrote, "Those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar"? ([10:18-22](#))

183. What was Paul's purpose in discussing idol feasts? ([10:18-22](#))

184. What should the Corinthians have known about sacrifices made to idols? ([10:19-20](#))

185. Why should we work hard to celebrate the Lord's Supper only out of devotion to Christ? ([10:20-21](#))

186. How can a Christian provoke the Lord to jealousy? ([10:22](#))

187. What can we learn here about the Lord's Supper?

Lesson 16 - The Believer's Freedom - [1 Corinthians 10:23-33](#)

1CO 10:23 "Everything is permissible"--but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible"--but not everything is constructive. [24] Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.

1CO 10:25 Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience, [26] for, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."*

1CO 10:27 If some unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience. [28] But if anyone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, both for the sake of the man who told you and for conscience' sake*-- [29] the other man's conscience, I mean, not yours. For why should my freedom be judged by another's conscience? [30] If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for?

1CO 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. [32] Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God-- [33] even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

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Lesson 16 - The Believer's Freedom - [1 Corinthians 10:23-33](#)

188. What are we free to do? How? ([10:23](#))

189. What qualifications go with the adage, "Everything is permissible"? ([10:23-24](#))

190. What is the guiding principle on our freedom? ([10:24](#))

191. How did Paul resolve the dilemma of whether to eat meat that had been sacrificed to idols? ([10:25-26](#))

192. What stipulations did Paul place on eating meat served in an unbeliever's home? ([10:27-30](#))

193. What were the Corinthian Christians to do if meat being served to them had been sacrificed to idols? ([10:28-29](#))

194. Under what conditions were the Corinthians not to eat meat offered in sacrifice? ([10:28-29](#))

195. In what areas of life can we glorify God? ([10:31](#))

196. What overriding value governs why we do what we do? ([10:33](#))

197. Whose good should we seek? ([10:33](#))