

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

Lesson 9 - Lawsuits Among Believers - [1 Corinthians 6:1-11](#)

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 6:1 If any of you has a dispute with another, dare he take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the saints? [2] Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? [3] Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life! [4] Therefore, if you have disputes about such matters, appoint as judges even men of little account in the church!* [5] I say this to shame you. Is it possible that there is nobody among you wise enough to judge a dispute between believers? [6] But instead, one brother goes to law against another--and this in front of unbelievers!

1CO 6:7 The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? [8] Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers.

1CO 6:9 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders [10] nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. [11] And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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99. Why was Paul disturbed by the practice of Christians bringing their disputes before non-Christians? ([6:1-6](#))

100. Who will judge the world? ([6:2](#))

101. By what authority will Christians judge angels? ([6:3](#))

102. Who is qualified to serve as a judge for disputes among Christians? ([6:4](#))

103. What did the Corinthians need to do when they were wronged by other Christians? ([6:7](#))

104. How were the Corinthian Christians settling disputes with each other? ([6:7-8](#))

105. What did the fact that the Corinthians were suing each other prove about them? ([6:7-10](#))

106. How were the Corinthians deceived in their beliefs? ([6:9](#))

107. Who will not inherit the kingdom of God? ([6:9-10](#))

108. What were some of the Corinthians before they were saved? ([6:11](#))

109. What had changed the Corinthians' standing before God? ([6:11](#))

Lesson 10 - Sexual Immorality - [1 Corinthians 6:12-20](#)

1CO 6:12 "Everything is permissible for me"--but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me"--but I will not be mastered by anything. [13] "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food"--but God will destroy them both. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. [14] By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. [15] Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! [16] Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh."* [17] But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

1CO 6:18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. [19] Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; [20] you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

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110. What did Paul mean by saying, "I will not be mastered by anything"? ([6:12](#))

111. Why should we abstain from sex outside of marriage? ([6:12-20](#))

112. What value does God place on our bodies? ([6:12-20](#))

113. What will God destroy? Why? ([6:13](#))

114. For what are our bodies meant? ([6:13](#))

115. What promise is given to Christians because God raised Jesus from the dead? ([6:14](#))
116. What makes our bodies special? ([6:15](#))
117. What's wrong with sex outside of marriage? ([6:15-16](#))
118. Why is it not possible to be one with both Christ and a prostitute? ([6:15-17](#))
119. What does it mean to be one with Christ in spirit? ([6:17](#))
120. How is sexual immorality different from other sins? ([6:18](#))
121. How are Christians' bodies unique? ([6:19-20](#))
122. In what settings or situations should you take precautions against sexual immorality? How?