

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of Sept 12 - Sept 18, 2021

Grace and Truth

1 Corinthians 6:12-7:9: Why Does God Care What You Do With Your Body?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Corinth is just southwest of Athens, the capital city of Greece, which also is the home of the Olympics. This summer the Olympics were held in Tokyo. What sport would you compete in if you were in the Olympics?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

MAIN POINTS

As embodied beings, what we do with our bodies has spiritual significance, and knowing this helps us understand and respond to what Jesus did for us.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Read 1 Corinthians 6:12.** What are some things you can think of that fit into the category of 'lawful' but not 'helpful' and why?
 - a. **Read 1 Corinthians 10:23.** Paul expands on this idea by adding the phrase, "all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify." What are some things you can think of that are 'lawful' but certainly don't edify.
 - i. What does the word 'edify' mean?
 - b. **Read Romans 14:22+23.** How do we keep ourselves from falling into legalism in regards to these issues that are not "helpful" or "don't edify"

- c. How does our higher calling in Jesus inform our decisions in regards to issues that are morally indifferent, but yet don't benefit the calling to know Jesus and to make him known in the world?
- 2. **Read 1 Corinthians 6:13-20.** In light of these verses we can see that God gives eternal value and purpose to our bodies. How does a secular world view try and distort this reality?
 - a. Why do you think sexual immorality is so damaging (1) to us personally and (2) to the collective christian community?
 - b. **Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.** What do you think the phrase "You are not your own" means?
- 3. **Read 1 Corinthians 7:7+8** Why does Paul seem to champion 'singleness'? Why is it "good for them to remain single, as I am"?
 - a. In regards to the gospel mandate, what are some of the pros and cons of being married or being single?

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week's study, what is important for you to remember and why?

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

