

Week 10 Discussion Questions

Text: 1 Cor 6:1-11

Icebreaker: What are some common first reactions when we feel wronged by another?

1. Read this week's passage. What stands out to you from the text or from the sermon you heard Sunday?

2. Verses 1-8 address another example of division in the Corinthian church. Why were these legal actions a problem from Paul's perspective?

Application: When "trivial" (v. 2) disputes happen between believers, do you think of the church as being a place where those issues can be resolved? Explain what you think.

3. In verses 2-3, Paul appeals to a future day when "the saints" will participate in judging the world and even angelic beings. What does this suggest about the role and authority of those who are saved by Christ?

Application: Read Daniel 7:22, Matthew 19:28, and Revelation 20:4. It's ok for us to admit we don't fully grasp all that these entail, but how might this vision of our future help shape our perspective of our lives today?

4. Look up Matthew 5:38-42 and 1 Peter 2:23. Where do you see the "attitude" of these verses reflected in the first 8 verses of 1 Corinthians 6?

Application: Why is it so difficult for us to "rather suffer wrong" or "rather be defrauded" than to pursue some kind of vindication against someone who we feel has wronged us?

5. What can we learn about the background of some in the Corinthian church from verses 9-11? What point do you think Paul is making in these verses?

Application: As a response, take time to pray together that we would humbly and gratefully live as people who have been "washed...sanctified...[and] justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." Also, ask for God's help to respond faithfully when we feel wronged by another brother or sister in Christ.