

## Week 11 Discussion Questions

**Text:** 1 Cor 6:12-18<sup>1</sup>

**Icebreaker:** What different attitudes or perspectives do you see represented in our culture today regarding the value or purpose of our physical bodies?

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

2. In verse 12, Paul expresses the general idea that some things should be avoided or at least limited even if they are technically lawful. What reasons does he give?

*Application:* What harm can occur when people exercise their rights or freedoms without restriction? Think both in terms of individual and community-wide problems.

3. Verses 13-20 are meant to correct the Corinthians' understanding of the value of their own physical bodies. Why is the physical body valuable according to these verses?

*Application:* Do you think our society under or over-values the physical body? Explain what you think according to what Paul is saying?

4. Beliefs about the physical body can influence attitudes about sexual immorality. What reasons does Paul give for why sexual immorality—specifically, being joined with a prostitute—is wrong?

*Application:* Verse 18 says that our proper response to sexual immorality is to “flee” it. What do you think this means? Practically, what are some ways we can do this today?

5. *Application:* Because of what Jesus has done, our bodies are a “temple of the Holy Spirit.” How can this truth help us to live within the limits of God's purposes for us in our sexuality?

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<sup>1</sup> This passage is commonly thought to include popular slogans among the Corinthians that are identified with quotation marks in our ESV text. The original Greek text does not have quotation marks because they weren't part of the language. English translations sometimes disagree on where a slogan might begin and end.