

Life Group Notes on 1 Corinthians 6

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1. Why was Paul rather cross with the Corinthian believers? (6:1) What were his main points of argument against their actions in v2-6?
2. Why does Paul say that the Corinthian believers had already been defeated before they got to court? (v7). In which ways might they be cheating each other? (v8)
3. Is Paul still referring to taking fellow believers to law in v9—11? If so, what do you think is his argument here? Did the list of sins have a special relevance to the people of Corinth? Why?
4. Which word in v11 did Steve suggest you underline in your Bibles? Why is that such a great word in this context? What is its message for today?
5. In which ways can Christians go to the court of public opinion? Why is this so dishonouring to God? What is the Jesus' way to sort out disputes? (see Matthew 18:15-17)
6. To live in Corinth must have brought its own temptations given that the Temple of Aphrodite was situated there. How did some Christians argue for a 'less than chaste' life? (see v12, 13). What were they actually saying here? How does Paul respond to their arguments? How is this so relevant for today?
7. Why didn't Paul just quote the seventh commandment at them? Surely that would have done the trick, wouldn't it?
8. The Greeks saw the soul as important but not the body. Therefore, one could do as you liked with the body (including using it for immorality). How does Paul argue against this thinking, making special reference to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit? Explain Paul's three arguments in your own words.
9. Do you live for God's honour?