

Life Together Group Questions
January 22, 2017
1 Corinthians 6:1-11

1. Read 1 Cor. 6:1-11. What are some things that jump out at you in reading this passage?
2. In vs.1 Paul expressed consternation that the church in Corinth would have those who would bring their disputes before the “ungodly” for judgement. What is the problem in doing this?
3. In stating “² *Or do you not know that the Lord’s people 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!*” Paul is points toward the reality of the coming Day of the Lord. (See 1 Cor. 1:7, 8; 3:13; 5:5) How would that perspective influence how we would/should judge “trivial cases” and “the things of this life”? How should that coming reality influence how we live day to day?
4. [Extra material] Due to the structure of the Greek text vs. 4 can be translated “*Therefore, if you have disputes about such matters, appoint as judges even men of little account in the church!*” vs. “*Therefore, if you have disputes about such matters, do you ask for a ruling from those whose way of life is scorned in the church?*” How might the 1st translation make sense in light of 1 Cor. 1:27-29? What is the difference between the two translations? Is there any change in the over-all message?
5. Paul talks about “shaming” them for their actions in vss. 5-6. In what way is this a healthy thing?
6. This taking “another to court” is between “brothers” in Christ. How would that impact the church?
7. How has a “defeat” taken place in vs. 7? Why does Paul advise being wrong and cheated? What does that say about how we are to value the Kingdom of God? What did Jesus have to say about such things? (Matt. 5:38-42)
8. In vs. 8 it seems that the person going to court was doing so to wrong and defraud his brother in Christ. How does that inform us about something being perhaps legal but used to take advantage of another?
9. As you read vss. 9-11 What do you make of this list of sinful behavior? What is Paul’s warning? How should we take this to heart? What is his rebuke? How should we take this to heart? What is his reminder? How should we take this to heart?
10. How does this passage address our identity in Christ? How do we move from information to transformation?
11. How does this passage inform you in the thought of taking others to court?
12. How does this passage help you pursue God?...prepare People?... proclaim Christ?

SERMON OUTLINE:

- **Seeking A Short-Sighted Judgement** – 1 Cor. 6:1-6
- **When Winning Is Losing** - 1 Cor. 6:7
- **Behavior Not Becoming Your Identity** – 1 Cor. 6:8-11