



1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Courting Trouble

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- 1. Share with your group one of the following:**

One or more material thing in your life that you would find really hard to live without and why it is so important to you.

OR

Some of the issues amongst the people you know that are of 'utmost importance' to them and why are they willing to fight for these issues.

- 2. How does having a 'heavenly perspective' help shape what is really important in our lives?**
- 3. In verses 1-6, what are some of the reasons that Paul gives for not taking another Christian to court?**
- 4. Are there instances you can think of the Christian community where public disputes amongst Christians have been a poor witness to the unbelieving world?**
- 5. In verses 2-3, how should our future heavenly role help shape our behaviour in the present? Particularly in relation to conflicts between Christians?**
- 6. How is it that we feel and then often want to respond when we have been wronged? Why would we not be willing to allow ourselves to be wronged or cheated?**

- 7. Why are we often so concerned with being treated justly or having our rights upheld?**

(Optional extra question)

Read Phil 2:5-11 what is the example of Christ that we should follow from these verses? How does following this example look in real life terms?

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Read Matt 5:38-42. Share how following these instructions might look like in your context?

- 8. From 1 Cor 6:1-8, how can we better understand how Christians should deal with conflict? Are there times when we might take a different approach?**
- 9. In verses 9-11 Paul talks about an incredible transformation that has occurred in the lives of the Corinthians. How should this new identity impact the way that they should be relating toward each other now?**
- 10. In verse 11, why does Paul repeatedly use the word 'were'? How has this transformation come about and by whose authority has it occurred?**
- 11. How should the grace that we have been shown by God in Jesus inform the way we relate to our brothers and sisters?**
- 12. How is reconciliation between each other a reflection of the gospel of Christ?**