

Sex, Holiness, and Worship

I Corinthians 5-6 | Week Four | Participant Guide

Preparing for the Session

Read: I Corinthians 5:1-6:20

Memorize: *“Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.”*

I Cor. 6:18

Looking at the Text

5:1-5

1. Why do you think Paul reacts so strongly to the sexual immorality taking place in the Corinthian church?
2. In verse two Paul mentions arrogance again (see 1 Corinthians 4:18-19). How do you think arrogance played a role in the sexual immorality of the Corinthian church? Think about your own life and academic pursuits. How might arrogance on your part lead to deeper sins?
3. What is Paul’s role as shepherd? How would you deal with sin in the group?

5:6-8

4. Leaven makes bread puff up, rise, and expand. Why do you think Paul uses this illustration in relation to the sexual immorality present in the Corinthian church? How might the illustration apply to you in your academic pursuits?

5:9-13

5. How can we creatively associate with non-Christians in a way that does not result in compromising our faith or coming across as though we approve of certain sins?

6:1-7

6. Why is it better for Christians to resolve their differences without having to turn to the courts for a solution?

6:8-11

7. Verse 11 mentions some powerful concepts, such as being washed, sanctified, and justified. What do these terms mean?

6:12-17

8. While it’s true that Christ offers us freedom (Galatians 5:1), this does not mean that we are free to do whatever we want without consequences. How might unchecked freedom cause problems in an academic setting?

6:18-20

9. Does the understanding that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit and that we belong to God impact your views of sexual immorality? How so?

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“Just because something is technically legal doesn’t mean that it’s spiritually appropriate. If I went around doing whatever I thought I could get by with, I’d be a slave to my whims.”

1 Corinthians 6:12, *The Message*

“God is inescapable. There is no place we can hide from Him. Not only does He penetrate every aspect of our lives, but He penetrates it in his majestic holiness. Therefore we must seek to understand what the holy is. We dare not seek to avoid it. There can be no worship, no spiritual growth, no true obedience without it. It defines our goal as Christians. God has declared, ‘Be ye holy, for I am holy.’ To reach that goal we must understand what holiness is.”
R.C. Sproul, *The Holiness of God*

