

Fleeing Sexual Immorality Together: A Study of 1 Corinthians

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Key Truth: God designed the Body to be used for His Glory.

There is a way to interpret this passage that could be summed up like this: “If you stay pure and avoid sexual immorality, you will be blessed by God.” Not only does this misinterpret these verses, it also sidesteps the gospel of God’s grace. Of course we should avoid sexual immorality. Not to gain merit *from* God, but out of simple obedience and gratitude *to* God, knowing that we belong to Him.

DISCUSS

Read **1 Corinthians 6:12-20** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on **Fleeing Sexual Immorality**.

DIG IN

1. Sexual Immorality perverts the Body’s original Design. (vv. 12-13)

In these verses Paul counters the arguments of the Corinthians by pointing out that not all things are helpful and that he refuses to be dominated by anything. What are some things in the Christian life that tend to overpower us unhelpfully?

The human body is designed for the Lord. In what ways does sexual immorality pervert that original design?

In what ways can knowing our true purpose (we have been created for the Lord) enable us to flee sexual immorality?

2. Sexual Immorality divides Body and Spirit. (vv. 14-18)

Paul teaches us that our “bodies are members of Christ” (v. 15) and that we are “one spirit with him.” (v. 17). Why is it important that we are joined, both body and spirit, to Christ? How does that affect our personal lives?

What is the danger (physical or spiritual) of being joined physically to someone in sexual immorality, especially when one is joined with Christ?

Why do you think our knowledge of the Resurrection (see v. 14) is so important in combating this?

3. Sexual Immorality Robs God of his rightful Property. (vv. 19-20)

What kinds of activities took place in Israel’s Temple in the Old Testament? How does that inform the kinds of things that take place in your life as God’s holy temple?

If God owns our bodies, it is important that we relinquish control to him. What are some examples you have seen of this in your life, and what are some practical ways that you can carry this out in your present life?

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Share with the group your thoughts on how you will glorify God in your body this week.