



Growth Group Discussion Guide

"Growing Upward, Inward, Outward, and Forward"

For the Week of March 13, 2016



1 Corinthians 6:1-11 (ESV)

When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? 2 Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? 3 Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! 4 So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? 5 I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, 6 but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers? 7 To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded? 8 But you yourselves wrong and defraud--even your own brothers!

9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Sermon Outline

- In chapter 6 Paul continues to talk about the health and responsibilities within the church by confronting the church for taking one another to court.
- In the midst of this we see that one of Paul's main concerns is the testimony of the church to the world.

WELCOME – Getting to Know Each Other Better

- What is the biggest stressor in your life right now?
- What is your most healthy way of dealing with stress?

WORD - Applying Scripture to Our Lives

1. What should the church members have done rather than taking one another to court? What makes this hard?
2. What reasons does Paul give for the fact that they shouldn't have been taking one another to court?
3. Why does he say in verse 7 that to have lawsuits against one another is already a defeat?
4. Are you willing to suffer wrong or be defrauded rather than be a bad witness to society?
5. What are some ways you are trying to be salt and light to those who are still living in the darkness of sin?
6. What type of motivation is Paul trying to give the church in verse 11?
7. Can you think of any ways that you need to change your behavior to "become what you are" in Christ?

WITNESS - Prayer Concerns from my Growth Group:

- Who has God placed in your life who does not know Christ?
- How can we pray for your spiritual growth tonight?
- What other prayer concerns do you have?