



Growth Group Discussion Guide

"Growing Upward, Inward, Outward, and Forward"

For the Week of April 24, 2016

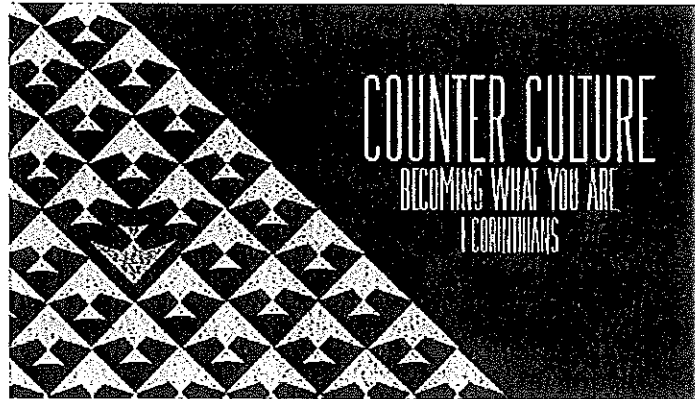
1 Corinthians 6:12-20

SEXUAL IMMORALITY

"Everything is permissible for me"—but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me"—but I will not be mastered by anything. 13 "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food"—but God will destroy them both. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

14 By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! 16 Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." 17 But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit

18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. 19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.



Sermon Outline

- In the second half of chapter 6 Paul focuses on sexual immorality and helps the Corinthians to understand why their purity was such an important issue.
- He confronts their justifications regarding sexual immorality in verses 12-13.
- He explains the worth of our bodies in God's eyes in verses 14-17.
- He closes with instructions from God regarding sexual immorality and gives more reasons for purity.

WELCOME – Getting to Know Each Other Better

- Would you rather turn back time, or skip ahead to the future?

WORD - Applying Scripture to Our Lives

1. What was the most helpful thing you heard in the sermon or Scripture passage this week?
2. What negative ramifications have you experienced or seen as a result of sexual immorality?
3. What are some actions we might justify as not being physical involvement in sexual immorality but are morally destructive nonetheless?
4. What questions did Pastor Casey suggest for thinking through your decisions based on verses 12-13?
5. In what ways does this passage teach that our bodies and how we use them are important to God?
6. What are some ways we can flee sexual immorality?
7. Why is sexual sin different than other sin?
8. How can we honor God with our bodies?

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?