



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

DATE

October 11th

BIBLE PASSAGE

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

1. KNOW THE CONTEXT

The book of 1 Corinthians was originally a letter written by the apostle Paul to a church he planted in a town called Corinth. Corinth was a big city back in the day. Lots of people from all over the world would come to Corinth to do business and trade. It was an important place and the people who lived there felt like they were pretty important, too.

Paul wrote this letter, in part, to remind the church in Corinth that they shouldn't allow their supposed self-importance to guide their life. Instead they must remember that God has rescued them and that He should be the one guiding their life.

2. READ THE BIBLE PASSAGE TOGETHER

3. SPEND TIME IN OBSERVATION

Which verses, ideas, or characters stuck out to you?
What questions could come from this passage?

Observation notes:

Questions:

4. SPEND TIME IN INTERPRETATION

What did this passage mean to the original audience?

What would it have felt like to be a character in this passage, and who in the passage is the hero/role model (if any)?

What's the main point of this passage?

Questions	Answers
What does "food for the stomach, and the stomach for food..." mean?	This was a likely a common phrase used by the Corinthians and means that if we crave something then we should satisfy that craving by any means necessary because in the end we will all die so let's live while we can. It's the first century equivalent to YOLO.
What does Paul mean when he says that we are members of Christ?	Paul wants the Corinthians to understand that what they do with their bodies matters to God because they matter to God. When we follow Jesus God becomes a part of everything in our lives by living within us by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:17;19).
What makes sexual sin a sin against your own body?	Our bodies belong to God first and God defines what is good for us. The moment we define what is good for us apart from God, we sin. So, when we do not allow God to define what we do with our bodies we not only sin against God we sin against ourselves.

5. SPEND TIME IN APPLICATION

What is the "universal truth" God wants to teach us from this passage?

How can we apply the message of this passage to our daily lives?

- Can you find two friends that can help you commit to a lifestyle of allowing God to define what you do with your body?
- What is a great habit for you to practice to help remind you that our bodies belong to God?
- How could allowing God to define what you do with your body help you relate to other people?

6. PRAY

Follow-up notes: