ROOT WORK

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 *"Preparing Our Hearts Before We Gather"*

Before you begin: Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 slowly at least twice. Keep your Bible open. The goal is not to find a complicated answer - it is to notice what Paul actually says, think about why it matters, and come ready to talk about it together.

1. LOOK CLOSELY - Verse 12

Paul repeats the phrase, "All things are lawful for me," but gives two important limits. Fill in the blanks:

"All things are lawful for me, but all things are not _____. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the _____ of any."

2. THINK ABOUT IT - Verse 12

What is the difference between asking, "Am I allowed to do this?" and asking, "Is this helpful, and could it begin to control me?"

3. VERSES 13-14 - Who is the body for?

According to verse 13, the body is not for sexual immorality, but for whom? And what does Paul say the Lord is for?

4. VERSE 14 - Look for the promise

What did God do for the Lord Jesus, and what does Paul say He will also do for us? What does that tell you about how God views our bodies?

5. FILL IN THE BLANK - Verse 15

"Do you not know that your bodies are _____ of Christ?"

Why do you think remembering this would change the way a believer thinks about his or her body?

6. VERSES 16-17 - Two kinds of joining

Paul describes being joined physically to another person and being joined to the Lord. According to verse 17, what becomes true of the person who is joined to the Lord?

7. VERSE 18 - Notice the command

What does Paul tell believers to do with sexual immorality? Does he say to manage it, reason with it, or get as close as possible without crossing a line? Write the actual command.

8. VERSES 19-20 - FILL IN THE BLANKS

"Your body is the _____ of the Holy Spirit who is in you... and you are not your _____. For you were bought at a _____."

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9. THINK ABOUT IT - Verses 19-20

If you are "not your own" and were "bought at a price," what does that tell you about who has the right to define how you use your body?

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10. HEART QUESTION - Verse 20

Paul ends by saying to "glorify God in your body." What might it look like, in everyday life, to treat your body as something that belongs to Jesus? Think beyond sexual purity - consider your choices, habits, words, appetites, and what has power over you.

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ONE QUESTION TO CARRY WITH YOU:

If my body belongs to Jesus... what difference should that make in the way I live?

Spend a little time with the Lord on this before we meet. You do not need a perfect answer - just come ready to share what you noticed in the passage.