

DISCUSSION GUIDE



"Sex and Marriage - Part 1"
Corinthians Are U.S.
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WELCOME & WORSHIP *Meet at the front of Sanctuary.*

WORD [1 Corinthians 7:1-16](#)

1. What stood out to you the most in the message? Why?
2. **Read 1 Cor. 7:1-2.** Who wrote to Paul on the issues of sex and marriage in Corinth and what was his response? Why did he respond that way?
3. **Read verses 3-4.** What is Paul saying here about authority and yielding to one another in marriage? How did your understanding change or grow in the matter? Share your thoughts.
4. **"The nuclear fall-out" and competition in the nucleus of the family—Read Genesis 3:16.** Discuss why one-ness and solidarity is now difficult, even like tyranny, in a marriage?
 - What is Satan's scheme to tempt us and destroy marriage through the area of sex within marriages?
 - What is the hope we now have in Christ to overcome and obey God's Word?
5. **Read verses 5-6.** For what purpose is Paul saying is acceptable to deprive one another? Why should we be alert when doing so?
6. **Read verses 6-7.** What does Paul mean when he states that this is a "concession, not a command" and regarding gifts?
7. **Read verses 8-9; verses 10-11; verses 12-14; verses 15-16.** What stood out to you the most in the message concerning the varied situations in which Paul provided guidance to "U.S."?
8. **Application.** What is your biggest takeaway from Sunday's message? How can you faithfully respond?

WITNESS Close by reading Isaiah 1:18, *"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.*" Everyone has a story and testimony. Remember the mercy and grace poured out to you and the redemptive power of the Cross in yours. Pray, ask the Holy Spirit for an opportunity to be a witness for Him this week.