DISCUSSION GUIDE



"Power, Money and Sex in the Body of Christ" *Corinthians Are U.S.* Pastor Bryan James March 24, 2024

WELCOME & WORSHIP Meet at the front of Sanctuary.

WORD <u>1 Corinthian 6; James 3:13-16</u>

- 1. What stood out to you the most in the message? Why?
- 2. Discuss the word 'agreement'—who and what must we come into agreement with? Why is it the first step in the process of confession and repentance?
- **3. Read 1 Cor. 6:1-8.** Why is it 'to our shame' to have disputes with other brothers and sisters in Christ before unbelievers?
 - According to the Word, what is the Godly, wise way to deal with grievances/disputes within the Body with the goal of reconciliation (and if possible, restoration)?
- 4. Read James 3:13-16. What does James warn about 'wisdom' that comes from bitter envy and selfish ambition (pride and greed)? What is the source of such wisdom and what will we find there?
- 5. Read 1 Cor. 6: 9-11. What is the hope and power we have to overcome sin and walk in God's ways with His wisdom? (v. 11).
- 6. Read verses 12-20. What is Paul reminding the Christan about our bodies and Jesus' desire to redeem our bodies even now?
- 7. Application. Jesus wants a bride without blemish when he returns. What issues (personal, relational, circumstantial) must you come into <u>agreement</u> with today with and before God that will lead you to confession and then by the power of the Holy Spirit, to true repentance?

WITNESS Read John 13:35, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." This week, meditate on Paul's instructions in 1 Corinthian 6 for handling disputes among your brothers and sisters in Christ. Make every effort to seek God's wisdom, counsel, and his heart in your relationships. Through our love and the manner in which we walk it out, everyone will know we are his disciples.