

MESSAGE NOTES:

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

14 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? **15** What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? **16** What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

“I will live with them
and walk among them,
and I will be their God,
and they will be my people.”

17 Therefore,
“Come out from them
and be separate,
says the Lord.
Touch no unclean thing,
and I will receive you.”

18 And,
“I will be a Father to you,
and you will be my sons and daughters,
says the Lord Almighty.”

7 Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

STUDY GUIDE:

STEP ONE: Icebreaker (Optional):

- If you could go back in time, and tell your 18-year-old self one thing, what would it be?

STEP TWO: Prayer & Scripture reading

- Ask someone in your group to pray to open your time together.
- Ask another person to read **2 Corinthians 6:14-18 - 7:1**

STEP THREE: Discuss Questions

1. What was challenging, encouraging, confusing, or stood out most to you from this past weekend's teaching?
2. Can you recall a recent memory of working together with a group of people who all came to the table with dramatically different perspectives or goals? Describe your experience.
3. In verse 14 Paul writes about the idea of "not being yoked together with unbelievers." How do you suppose a verse like this could have been challenging for the early believers?
4. In verse 17, as Paul talks about "being separate," he is inviting the early believers to live their lives in a way that looks radically different than the world around them. If you consider yourself a follower of Christ, do you think others would say that your life looks radically different? In a good or bad way?
5. In this passage, Paul refers to those who have put their trust in Christ as "the temple of the living God." Is this verse hard for you to wrap your heart and mind around? If this phrase has significant meaning for you, please explain why to others in the group.
6. In verse 7:1, Paul goes on to describe that the path to possessing moral purity is having a genuine fear or reverence for God. Do you associate having a fear of God as a positive thing? Why or why not?

STEP FOUR: Prayer

- Ask someone in your group to close in prayer.