

# Small Group Study Questions

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*Pleasure or Prison?*

*1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

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## Consider the topic

In what ways do we typically mistreat our bodies?

The Bible never speaks against sex, only the misuse of it. In your opinion, what are the biggest challenges to sexual purity in our society?

## Look at the text

### Read I Corinthians 6:12-20

Summarize this passage in one sentence.

Why should we abstain from sex outside of marriage?

What value does God place on our bodies?

**Read verses 12 & 13** Is it true that everything is permissible for believers? Why would Paul tell us not to do things that are perfectly legitimate just because they are not beneficial?

What did Paul mean by saying, "I will not be mastered by anything"?

Read 15-17. What makes our bodies special? What does it mean to be one with Christ in spirit?

Why is it not possible to be one with both Christ and maintain a life of sexual immorality?

**Read verse 18** Why do you suppose Paul advocated fleeing sexual immorality instead of simply resisting it? How is sexual immorality different from other sins?

**Read 19-20** How are Christians' bodies unique?

### **Examine the truth**

How can we distinguish between what is merely permissible and what is beneficial?

How should we treat our bodies if they are actually temples of the Holy Spirit? In what specific ways is it possible for you to honor God with your body?

How can we avoid compromises that lead to sexual sin?

### **Apply the truth**

In what way can you remind yourself this week that you were bought at a price and are God's temple?

What safeguards, boundaries or accountability do you need to establish in your life to maintain integrity in this area of your walk with Christ?

Are you carrying baggage and hurt from your past? Do you need to find forgiveness through confession and find healing and freedom in Christ? Read I John 1:9, then speak to Christ and ask for forgiveness.

Do you need to talk? Please reach out to someone in your Small Group or contact the church office. We are here to help.