

Sermon Based Small Group Guide

For May 23, 2021 sermon:

1 Corinthians: "Who switched the price tags?"

Warm up: (Questions for discussion)

- Have you ever been "ripped off" by someone? How did you handle it?
- Why is "getting even" with people such a strong temptation for us?
- Can you think of a time when you were expecting to be punished but received forgiveness instead? How did that make you feel?

Digging deeper: (20-30 minutes)

1. When we feel angry or upset with someone, there is a choice to be made by us: Will I escalate this situation or try to deescalate it? Does the Bible say that my choice in those responses is to be based on whether I think I am "right" or "wrong", or something else? Read and discuss the following Scripture:

Proverbs 15:18 Proverbs 19:11 Ephesians 4:26-27, 31-32 James 1:19-20

2. What do you think heaven/eternity is going to be like? Floating around on clouds with harps? Wings and halos? The best fishing/hunting/golfing ever!?! (Come on, both you and I have heard people talk about person's eternal state that way!) Jesus, more than anyone else, talked about eternity in terms of authority and responsibility. How do the following teachings expand your view of eternity and how we are to prepare?

Matthew 19:27-29 Matthew 25:14-21 Luke 19:15-19 Revelation 22:1-5

3. It is difficult to have a proper view of our physical bodies these days! Some people seem to "worship" their bodies and are completely obsessed with caring for them and making them look and feel good. For the Christian, it can be pretty easy to see that is extreme and wrong. But not having much regard for our bodies and paying little attention to proper diet, exercise and even rest is also an extreme that doesn't honor God. Read the following and talk about God's perspective on the body He's given us:

Psalms 139:13-16 1 Timothy 4:8 Romans 6:12-14 1 Peter 3:3-4

4. Our culture is every bit as "sex saturated" as the culture in Corinth was. We don't have 1,000 "temple prostitutes" to visit, but through movies, television and internet we have access to more sex than they ever would have believed. How have you navigated this spiritual mine field? Do you think Christians are properly discerning and careful about the dangers of being "entertained" by what amounts to moral garbage? Here are just a few passages about this to read and discuss:

Philippians 4:8 Job 31:1, 9-12 Matthew 5:27-30

Apply it: (10 minutes)

Pray for each other, that your life will be truly pleasing to God and without excuse or compromise.