

Week of March 2, 2025 - You are Not Your Own | Small Group Lesson 16

Connect

Can you share a time when you felt particularly close to God? What led to it?

Verses - 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (CSB)

Read aloud:

12“Everything is permissible for me,” but not everything is beneficial.
“Everything is permissible for me,” but I will not be mastered by anything.
13“Food is for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will do away with both of them. However, the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. 14 God raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. 15 Don’t you know that your bodies are a part of Christ’s body? So should I take a part of Christ’s body and make it part of a prostitute? Absolutely not! 16 Don’t you know that anyone joined to a prostitute is one body with her? For Scripture says, The two will become one flesh. 17 But anyone joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. 18 Flee sexual immorality! Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the person who is sexually immoral sins against his own body. 19 Don’t you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought at a price. So glorify God with your body.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. What does Paul mean in v.12 when he says, "Everything is permissible for me," but not everything is beneficial..."? You can try to say it in your own words, and why you agree with the Bible. Perhaps, give a practical example.

2. What does it mean to be a part of Christ's body and being a temple of the Holy Spirit? How does understanding this affect our view of partaking in sin? What should a true temple of God be like?

3. What truth did Paul teach that goes all the way back to Adam and Eve? How does that teach us about the importance of abstaining from sexual immorality?

Share

Discuss this from this week's message:
In the message, Pastor Takeshi talked about a caterpillar changing into a butterfly. How is this like how God will change our bodies in the resurrection? What does this illustration teach us about how to live today?

Discuss 2:
Paul teaches that we are bought with a price. This phrase "bought at a price" in vv.19-20 is a reference to the concept of slavery, specifically the practice of being released from one master to another, in the Roman world. How does this idea relate to Romans 6:6-7, 12:1. What does that mean for us?

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.