

1 Corinthians 10 Life Group Notes

Read Passage

This set of verses concentrates on God's justice and has an emphasis on God's judgement for sin. Why is it both hard and important to bring balance in the tension between grace/mercy/love/forgiveness and judgement/justice/wrath at sin?

The passage starts by saying I don't want you to be ignorant... What can we do to become less ignorant?!

Ben spoke about the similarities between the church and Israel which Paul highlights in the first 5 verses. What are some of these and how do they help strengthen faith knowing the OT points towards Jesus?

Vs. 5 Nevertheless... Do religious acts or sacraments like baptism or breaking bread save us from sin? Do they save us from the consequences of sin? If not what is the point of them?

Vs. 12 If you think you're standing firm. What is the danger of arrogance and pride when it comes to walking in sin? Read 1Cor. 15:33 and Galatians 6:7. How does this differ from karma? What are antidotes to arrogance and pride?

Vs. 13 How does God help us when we are tempted? Ben said when we are given a way out we still need to take it. What stops you taking it? What helps you?

Temptation is common to mankind. One of satan's tactics will be to get you to think that you are a special case. That the rules don't apply to you as it is worse or harder or not the same for you as everyone else. How do these lies take root? What can we do to stop them?

Paul ends by saying that avoiding sinful choices is not only for our good but also 'for the good of many, so that they may be saved'. Andrew Wilson: As believers we are not just to ask if something is lawful, but if it is loving. What does this quote mean and how do we apply it?

What is your driver in living a holy life? Pleasing God? Winning others to the faith? Scared of the consequences? A natural 'rule-follower'? To maintain the status-quo? Other? What are the merits or otherwise of each of these? Are some better than others?

Vs. 6 they "Set their hearts on evil things" – how often and how do you do a heart check? What is your heart set on?

Ben said that in talking to one of the youth about the book of Judges there was a great sadness that the Israelites kept going around in circles making the same mistakes. Are there things like this in your life? What success stories do you have of where you've broken the cycles?