

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: March 17, 2019**  
**1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

1. What is Paul saying in verse 12?
  - a. He is arguing for his right to do whatever he wants.
  - b. He is answering those who say they have a right to do whatever they want.
  - c. He is answering those who believe that their faith and the grace of God gives them freedom to do whatever they want.
  - d. He is pointing out that some things that we want to do are not for our good!
  - e. He is pointing out that many things that we choose to do ultimately become our master (we become slaves to them). Therefore, we think we are exercising our freedom, but we really choose what we are going to be enslaved by!
  
2. What is Paul talking about in verse 13?
  - a. There seemed to be people that justified things by the fact that they COULD do it, like “since I can, then it must be what God intended”
  - b. Paul is pointing out that just because you can do something doesn’t mean that it is what God intended.
  - c. Paul corrects them by stating that our bodies were really meant to glorify God. Not everything you can do is what you were meant to do or what you should do, but only the thing that glorifies God is what you are meant to do and should do.
  
3. What does Paul tell us in verses 15?
  - a. He says that our bodies are members of Christ himself.
  - b. If our bodies are members of Christ then, whatever we touch, He touches!
  - c. You should never unite Christ with a prostitute...
  - d. I’m not sure that he is just talking about prostitutes. Prostitutes use sex as a commodity to be bought and sold and used to gain something from another person rather than recognizing the deeply spiritual relational connection that happens when to people are physically united in this way. This actually sounds like how most of our society views sex.
  
4. What does Paul say that about the unity of sex in verses 16-17?
  - a. It unites the two people who come together in this way and makes them one.
  - b. From the Genesis, God says that becoming one flesh is a part of the marriage union when a man leaves his father and mother.
  - c. We are to be one with God in Spirit. Therefore, uniting ourselves with someone else in this way also creates a connection with God and God would not unite himself with someone in such a meaningless and flippant act.
  
5. What, according to verses 18-20 is the meaning of all of this?
  - a. Flee from sexual immorality!
  - b. This sin is a sin against your own body...in other words, when you disobey God in this way, you are really hurting yourself!
  - c. Our bodies are supposed to be seen as holy and devoted to God the way the temple was.
  - d. We do not belong to ourselves, if we have accepted Christ, because his death purchased us...paid the price that we may be redeemed (returned to our rightful owner).
  
6. What about you? What are your attitudes and actions with regard to sexual immorality? Is this a sacred act that unites you with your spouse forever as one flesh or a flippant act that is used to gain something else? \_\_\_\_\_