



1 Corinthians 6

- We need to fight sin in our life and in our church by holding each other accountable
- Now we get a little more specific about sin and especially sexual sin
- May not be a part of your life yet but soon will be

What are some things you've done or seen other people do that God would say is wrong?

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

- Paul lists some specific sin issues that were present in Corinthian and probably a lot of areas in his day
- We still have the same issues around today
- *only Jesus working in a person's life changes anything

- Sin is a distortion of what God meant for God
- Paul especially discusses sexual sin
- Sex is not evil within the proper boundaries of marriage (1 Cor 7:3)
- God designed sex as the ultimate aspect of intimacy between husband and wife (Genesis 2:24)
- It's not just about the physical act but there is a deep connection that is meant to be shared between a husband and wife
- The love between the husband and wife is to symbolize and express the love between you and God (Ephesians 5:31-32)
- *you can not separate the physical act from the emotional and spiritual connection (1 Corinthians 6:16)
- This is one of the reasons the Bible makes such a big deal about sexual immorality. When we sin in this area it has a huge impact on those involved and on our ability representation of Jesus to others
- Anything outside of marriage is a distort of God's design and wrong
- *you harm yourself, your relationship with your future spouse, your relationship with God and your representation of God to others

- not just cheating after you're married
- taking the emotional, spiritual, physical intimacy that should be reserved for marriage outside of marriage
- Paul lists three different forms of sexual sin

- While the earthly consequences are different the eternal consequences are all the same
- Sinners will not go to heaven (Romans 6:23)
- We've all done these things though
- Praise God through Jesus we can be forgiven and made new
- *we still struggle with these things but they don't have to define and control us
- *no matter what someone has done, if they still have breathe, they still have a chance to turn to Jesus and be forgiven