

**FIRMLY
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GROUNDED**

BOOK 2



What is good about God's justice?



Read 1 Cor 4:1-21

Icebreaker: Who has a good role model for you? Why or how?

- Read the passage and make any interesting observations.

- Who is the author? Who is the intended reader?

- What do you know about Apollos and Timothy?

- What relationship does Paul have with the Corinthians? How did this come to be?

- Explain in your own words what Paul is intending to say in v.6 'Do not go beyond what is written'.

- Discuss how someone may have a clear conscience yet not be innocent? Is it still sin, if we if we ignorant of it?

- What riches to the Corinthians have? v.8? What's is Paul's wish for them?

- What balance does there need to be between leaving judgment to God and accountability in the church?

- Paul says we should regard him as a servant of Christ. What attributes should a servant of Christ possess? Discuss and try to name one aspect you will demonstrate more this week.

Activity

- Nominate a verse from any book of scripture to memorise. Prepare to be tested next week!

General

Deeper

Mission

What is good about sexual purity?



Read 1 Cor 6:12-20

Icebreaker: Go around the group and share something that you are thankful for this week or month.

- Read the passage and make any interesting observations.

General - What are the key points of this passage? List them out in your own words

- What constitutes sexual immorality?
- Where else does the bible speak on this subject?
- What does it mean to have the 'right' to do anything?

Deeper

- What do you know about the Corinthian's and their issue with sexual impurity in their context?
- How can we flee from sexual immorality?
- How do we as Christians honour God with our bodies? To take it further, how do we unite our bodies with Christ?
- What problematic views on sex exist in our society?
- Why will God destroy our stomachs? For what purpose?

Mission - How can we ensure we are not 'mastered' by anything? Is anyone struggling or has anyone struggled with this? Share your experience.

Activity

- Pray for one another regarding anything that stood out to you in this passage.
- Nominate a verse from any book of scripture to memorise. Prepare to be tested next week!

What is good about begin called by God?



Read 1 Cor 7:17-24

Icebreaker: Do you feel like you are living the purpose God set out for you? Share your thoughts with your group.

- Read the passage and make any interesting observations.

General - What is Paul's key message in this passage?

- Briefly peruse the passage before this one and explain why Paul begins with 'nevertheless'.
- Paul mentions churches (plur) v17. What churches might he be talking about?

- Based on v17, what role does God have in each of our life situations?

Deeper

- Why does Paul stress our circumstances should not be our priority?
- What laws and passages do you recall about circumcision?
- Describe in your own words what a 'Lord's freed person' and 'Christ's slave' is. Can you be both?

- Share with your group what you think it means to be called by God. Take this week to reflect on your life. Does your occupation, home life, ministry, social life, etc. align with your understanding of scripture?

Mission

Activity

- Pray for one another and for God's plan for each of you.
- Nominate a verse from any book of scripture to memorise. Prepare to be tested next week!

What is good about being God's creation?



Read 1 Cor 9:19-27

Icebreaker: You're stranded on an island. What are the 3 things you'd want to have with you?

- Read the passage and make any interesting observations.
- What are the key points in this passage?
- What is the context of this passage? How does it fit with the previous passage?
- Who might the 'weak' be? Why are they 'weak'?
- Paraphrase why Paul says self-discipline is needed.

General

- How can we be free and belong to no one, when Paul has dutifully repeated that we were bought at a price?
- How does a person 'become' like another person in order to win them? What strategies can you think of as examples?

Deeper

- Why should we do this?
- How is living for God similar to running a race? Share your interpretation. Where else have you heard about Paul likening his life to running a race?
 - What does it mean to share in the blessings of the Gospel?

Mission

- There is a kind of mission goal to 'win as many as possible'. How can you participate in sharing the good news this week?

Activity

- List some things that you appreciate about each other.
- Nominate a verse from any book of scripture to memorise. Prepare to be tested next week!

What is good about marriage?



Read 1 Cor 7:1-16

Icebreaker: If you could ask God one question now, what would it be?

- Read the passage and make any interesting observations.
- What is the context of this passage? How does it fit with surrounding texts?

General

- What seems to be the issues with the Corinthians?
- Why does Paul recommend staying unmarried if able?
- List the commands that Paul gives and the ones that come from God.

- What are the benefits of marriage aside from avoiding sexual immorality?

- How can someone be sanctified through their spouse?

What scriptures can support this or explain further?

- If you go through a divorce, will your children become unholy? Explain.

- Why is celibacy a gift?

- What responsibilities might you have if you have an unbelieving spouse?

- Marriage is an intimate relationship, however, it is not the only kind. Whether you're in a marriage or have very close friendships, nominate an aspect of that relationship you would like to work on that do something about it this week.

Mission

- Nominate a verse from any book of scripture to memorise. Prepare to be tested next week!

Activity

What is good about glorifying God?



Read 1 Cor 10:23-33

Icebreaker: Share a funny story with your group.

General

- Read the passage and make any interesting observations.
- What is the context of this passage?
- What are the key points?
- What is a good attitude to adopt when doing anything?
- What strategies is Paul saying to use to 'save' people?

Deeper

- This passage emphasises the idea of the believer's freedom. e.g. 'to eat anything sold in the market without raising questions of conscience.' Is this a novel idea for the Christians of the past?
- What does it mean not to cause anyone to stumble? Also what does stumbling mean?
- Explain in your own words what v30 means.
- In what way does Paul correct the Corinthian's beliefs in vv23-24?

Mission

- v18. 'No one should seek their own good, but for the good of others'. How can you put this into practice this week?

Activity

- Nominate a verse from any book of scripture to memorise. Prepare to be tested next week!

