



CONVERSATIONS

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From Solo to Symphony

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 | Session 16.02

Before the Session

Facilitator: In advance of the session

- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- Encourage your group to listen to the Faithelement podcast ahead of the next session (Share the link via email or social media).

Context

Start by reminding the group about Daniel's introduction, focusing on the idea that our bodies are not made for us alone, but for God. Ask the group:

- Would you rather work in the kitchen alone or would you prefer help, and why?
- Where else in life would you prefer to be "in charge?"
- Other than sports, in what situations are you most likely to want to work as a team?
- While we often need to have others around in order to get things done, at what points does our needs for support or to go it alone, tend to surface and why?
- What are some things that you tend to do that might not be the best choices for other people, and what makes them so?
- To what degree is faith about surrendering control?

Content

Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, and watch the Bible Background Video before asking:

- Why is it important to take the public good into account when we make personal decisions?
- What Paul mean when he says that “everything is permissible, but not everything is good?”
- With which sorts of things were the Corinthians struggling to determine the best approach, and how does that compare with the “questionable” things that we might do today?
- Knowing that Paul frequently talks about balancing personal liberty with spiritual responsibility, how significant is it that he reminds his audience that they were “bought with a price?”
- Understanding that the Greek word that some Bibles interpret as “fornication” is meant to indicate the selling of oneself to gain an advantage (economic or otherwise) from someone else, rather than merely “prostitution,” what are some of the broader implications about our behavior that someone might draw from this text?

Closure

Listen to "If You're Ready" (Come Go With Me):

- What would it mean if we used "love as the only transportation" and chose to go the direction pointed to in the song?
- How do we recognize the difference between healthy and unhealthy understandings of community?
- What would our world be like if hatred wasn't tolerated?
- On what ways might taking the good of the community into account widen our understanding of community?
- If our church communities could truly be transformed, what could that mean about the transformation of the larger communities in which our churches live?

Close with a prayer.

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