

# Not the Same

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## Insights on Unity from 1 Corinthians 6:1-20

### New Family:

#### • We have been:

(1 Corinthians 6:11)

- Washed:

- Sanctified:

- Justified:

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### New Privileges:

#### 1. Put family first \_\_\_\_\_.

(1 Corinthians 6:1-8)

#### 2. Put family first \_\_\_\_\_.

(1 Corinthians 6:12, Galatians 5:1&13)

#### 3. Put family first \_\_\_\_\_.

(1 Corinthians 6:13-20, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12)

### Don't go Back!

(1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Ephesians 5:1-21)

### Sexually Immoral:

Idolater:

Adulterer:

Homosexuality:

Thieves:

Greedy:

Drunkard:

Slanderer:

Swindler:

## This weeks discussion guide:

Welcome to week 8 of our 11 week Small Group Session! We are getting together to pray for one another and study God's Word. Our last meeting this quarter will be the week of November 22nd just before Thanksgiving.

### Getting Started:

1. Being part of a family means having family rules. What were some of your family rules growing up that you didn't like? How have those rules impacted you as an adult?
2. Parents often times have some "phrases" that when you are a kid often don't make sense, but as you get older you understand them. These can be funny phrases or serious. What were some "phrases" that your parents used to say when you were growing up and what did they mean? I.E. "It's raining cats and dogs out."
3. Putting family first was a major topic of discussion this past weekend. When was there a time when you had to make a decision to put your family first? What did it cost you? How did you come to make the decision you did?

To help us start our Bible study/discussion together, looking back at your notes from Sunday, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, encouraged you or raised a question as we heard a message from 1 Corinthians 6:1-20.

## **Digging Deeper:**

1. We heard this weekend that becoming part of God's family includes some amazing new privileges along with new responsibilities. How does Paul further expand our understanding of what happens and what it means to become part of God's family in 2 Corinthians 5:17, 20-21?

How does what Paul says in this passage line up with your understanding and experience of what it means to be a follower of Christ and being part of the family of God?

2. What strategies and help do the following verses give us on how to flee and avoid those temptations that have to do with our sexuality?

- 1 Corinthians 10:12-13

- Hebrews 4:15

- Proverbs 7:7-10

- Proverbs 7:25-27

To prevent ourselves from falling, we need to set up safeguards to avoid temptation. We also need to develop strategies to help us flee from temptation. Can you think of any safeguards or strategies you have seen others utilize or you yourself have in place to avoid sexual temptation? If so, explain.

3. Paul emphasizes to his hearers that they have been washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. How do these verses shape our understanding of who we truly are in Christ?

- 2 Corinthians 5:17

- Isaiah 1:18

- Hebrews 10:14

- Romans 5:1

- John 5:24

- Romans 8:1

The enemy in the Scripture is referred to as "the accuser." He will falsely accuse us, place un-due guilt upon us, and make us feel as if God won't forgive us. How do these verses refute the claims the enemy will place on us?

### **Taking it Home:**

Looking back at the final questions from this weekend's teaching and this week's study, is there a point or statement that is especially important for you to remember this week?

Take a few moments to take some prayer request and spend some time praying for the other members in your group.