



1 Corinthians 10:1-22 Discussion Questions

- Paul recalls how the Israelites were under a cloud, passed through the sea, baptized into Moses, ate spiritual food, and drank spiritual drink. How do these Old Testament examples mirror realities in the New Testament church (e.g., baptism, communion, Christ's presence)?
- In verse 5, Paul says, "with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness." How did they displease God? Why does Paul highlight these sins?
- In the sermon, we learned that each of these sins is a form of idolatry:
 - How does sexual immorality reveal misplaced worship?
 - How does testing God reveal misplaced worship?
 - How does grumbling against God reveal misplaced worship?
- Ben defined idolatry as the misordering of our priorities, even good things elevated above God.
 - What do you tend to place above God in your life?
 - What do you hold onto that promises comfort or freedom but would devastate you if it were taken away?
- Paul says these things "happened as examples... written down for our instruction." What does this teach about the ongoing importance of the Old Testament in the Christian life?

- Verse 12 cautions: “Let anyone who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.” How does this challenge our assumptions about being “immune” to certain sins or temptations?
 - What do we learn about God’s character in temptation?
- Paul says plainly, “Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry” (v. 14). What does it look like in real life not just to mitigate idolatry but to flee from it? Can you share a practical example?
- How were the Corinthians specifically engaging in idolatry through cultural practices and meals?
 - What is a parallel example of this in our own city today?
- Ben suggested that one way to discern whether an event or practice is “offered up to demons” is to look at its essence or purpose.
 - What are some indicators that an event is not pleasing to God or distorts His design?
 - How should we navigate this when social or even family expectations are involved?
- Paul asks two piercing questions: “Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?” Do you tend to emphasize God’s grace or God’s holiness/fear in your walk with Him? Why?
- Since we all fall short of God’s perfect standard of worship, what comfort do we have in Christ when we stumble into idolatry?