

God's Beautiful Messy Church
Week's Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:12-16
Discussion Guide: May 22, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that. 1 Corinthians 7:7

- Was there a new way that you strived to see thing God's way this past week?

OPEN:

- Mainly for fun and as an ice breaker: of Devin's opening illustrations, which were your preferences?
 - o Cats or dogs?
 - o Center or edge pieces?
 - o Thin or thick crust?
 - o Pineapple on pizza?
 - o Soda or pop?
 - o Toilet paper over or under?
- In what ways can our preferences get us off mission?

READ and ASK: 1 Corinthians 7:12-16, 2 Corinthians 6:14-16, Luke 14:25-27

- To what has God called us?
 - o How does that relate to the gospel and our mission?
- What obligation does a believing spouse have to an unbelieving spouse?
 - o What should the primary focus of the believing spouse be? What does the believing spouse bring to the household?
 - o What does it mean for an unbeliever to be "sanctified" by their believing spouse in this passage? What about their children?
 - What can it not mean? Why?
- Why is pursuing a marriage with an unbeliever an unwise pursuit?
- How does our pure allegiance to Christ impact all our other relationships?

APPLY:

- How is every relationship we are in an evangelistic (reaching for Jesus) or discipleship (growing in Jesus) opportunity?
 - o Is this overstated or the reality of the believer? Why?

- NEXT STEP: What relational opportunities do you have to reach someone for Christ, or to encourage someone in their relationship with Christ?

Memory Work:

Whoever does not carry their cross cannot be my disciple. - Luke 14:27

Next Week's Reading:

1 Corinthians 7:17-24