

God's Beautiful Messy Church
Week's Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Discussion Guide: August 7, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; - Psalm 24:1

- How did you see yourself as a steward of God's possessions this past week?

OPEN:

- If spiritual disciplines are central in "running as to win the race," what do you think is the greatest threat in "running as to win"?

READ and ASK: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

- What is significant about Paul calling the Israelites the ancestors of the Corinthian gentile believers?
- What is Paul saying when he says the Israelites were like us (baptized and regularly provided for) yet they were still under God's judgment?
- What does Paul declare about verses 6-10 in verse 11 (and 6)?
 - o What warning should we recall when tempted to participate in idolatry, sexual immorality, testing the Lord, or grumbling?
 - o How do the four types of sin mentioned in this text serve as a warning to the Corinthians and to us?
- What can be the danger in thinking "you are standing firm"? What is Paul warning against?
- What four truths are found in verse 13 in how we can stand firm when we are tempted?
 - o How do these truths help us when we struggle with temptation?

APPLY:

- What have you learned about yourself from this history of Israel?

- What difference should it make in your daily life that God will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear?
 - o Does this mean that God will keep you from trial and temptation?

- NEXT STEP: What promise or warning do you need to hang on to this week in order for you to stand firm under temptation this week?

Memory Work:

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

- 1 Corinthians 10:12

Next Week's Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:14-22