

1. Since we ended the Fall Community Groups at the end of November → what have you experienced? What life circumstances occurred? What has God been teaching you?

2. **Read I Corinthians 7:1-5 Why** did Paul state that each man should have his own wife?
 - How did the 4 Types of Marriage by Roman law clash with Paul's exhortation? How does Paul's teaching impact each type?
 - Contubernium (slaves)
 - Usus (common law after 1 year)
 - Coemptio in Manum (Father selling daughter)
 - Confarreatio (modern Christian marriage)

3. Paul again brings up that sexual immorality is occurring in the church in verse 2. He also mentioned it in I Corinthians 5:1....how does sexual immorality impact people and churches?

4. Paul gives 5 specific commands about marriage sexuality.
 - Spouses should have sexual relations with each other.
 - Spouses should fulfill their marital duty to each other.
 - Spouses do not have authority over their own body.
 - Spouses are to yield to each other.
 - Spouses are not to deprive each other.

Why are these important? This is God's word about sexuality – does it surprise you?

What are the key attitudes behind these exhortations?

Why do we struggle with giving up our authority?

5. **Read I Corinthians 7:8-9** (and **I Corinthians 7:26**) Paul addresses the unmarried & widows. What were his expectations? Why did he think it was good for them to stay unmarried?

- Was it wrong to get married? How does this contrast with God's creative command in Genesis?

6. **Read I Corinthians 7:10-11** How does this passage engage the cultural context of easy divorce in the Corinth church?

- Paul brings up separation and divorce by referring that the command is from the Lord Himself. What were the commands?

7. **Read I Corinthians 7:12-16** What are the difficulties in being married to an unbeliever? What are the opportunities in being married to an unbeliever?

8. **Read I Corinthians 7:17-24** What are the key points Paul is making in this passage?

- What was the condition you found yourself in when you came to Christ?...when God called you?