

Lawsuits Among Believers - 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Topics: Angels, Believers, Disagreements, Immorality, Judgment, Kingdom of God/Heaven, Sin, Unbelievers

Open It

1. For what reasons do people take each other to court?
- * 2. How does a court of law solve and not solve problems between people?
3. What do you think is the best way to settle disputes between strangers?

Explore It

- * 4. Why was Paul disturbed by the practice of Christians bringing their disputes before non-Christians? (6:1-6)
5. Who will judge the world? (6:2)
6. By what authority will Christians judge angels? (6:3)
- * 7. Who is qualified to serve as a judge for disputes among Christians? (6:4)
- * 8. What did the Corinthians need to do when they were wronged by other Christians? (6:7)
9. How were the Corinthian Christians settling disputes with each other? (6:7-8)
10. What did the fact that the Corinthians were suing each other prove about them? (6:7-10)
11. How were the Corinthians deceived in their beliefs? (6:9)
12. Who will not inherit the kingdom of God? (6:9-10)
13. What were some of the Corinthians before they were saved? (6:11)
14. What had changed the Corinthians' standing before God? (6:11)

Get It

- * 15. What should we do whenever we are wronged by other Christians?
16. How do people in your church settle disputes?
17. What could you do differently when settling disputes to better reflect God's priorities?
18. Why is it better to be wronged than to take a fellow Christian to court?
19. What would God say to Christians today who sue one another?
- * 20. What should you do if you feel you have been wronged by another Christian?
21. What should a Christian do if the person he or she accuses is unwilling to submit to the judgment of other believers?
22. What does it mean that God sanctifies His people?
23. What does it mean that God justifies His people?
24. What difference does it make that we have been sanctified and justified by the Spirit of God?
25. How should the knowledge of Jesus' redemptive work motivate you to abandon sin in your life?

Apply It

- * 26. What do you want to remember the next time you are wronged by another Christian?
27. What particular action or attitude can help you forgive others when you are wronged?