## Do Not Be Yoked with Unbelievers - 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

Topics: Fellowship, Friendship, Holiness, Marriage, Partnerships, Purity, Relationships, Separation, Unbelievers, Unity

### **Open It**

- 1. How do you choose your friends?
- \* 2. What sort of partnerships have you been involved in over the years?
  - 3. How would you describe the perfect companion?

# **Explore It**

- 4. Who were the "unbelievers" Paul described? (6:14)
- \* 5. Why is it wrong and dangerous for Christians to be bound together with unbelievers? (6:14-16)
  - 6. How did Paul balance encouragement with warnings in this passage? (6:14-7:1)
  - 7. In what way are Christians unique? (6:16)
- \* 8. Why is it important for Christians to be separate from non-Christian influences? (6:16-18)
  - 9. What did Paul warn Christians not to do? (6:16-18)
  - 10. On what condition does the Lord receive people? (6:17)
  - 11. What does God call His people? (6:18)
  - 12. How did Paul sum up his quotation of Isaiah 52:11? (7:1)
- \* 13. From what did the Corinthians need to purify themselves? (7:1)
  - 14. Why should we strive to perfect holiness in our lives? (7:1)

#### Get It

- 15. Why do you think this passage is so often applied to marriage?
- 16. In what other areas of life besides marriage do Christians need to be separate from non-Christians?
- 17. How seriously does your church take God's command about the relationship Christians should have with unbelievers?
- 18. What difference does it make that each believer is a temple of the living God?
- 19. How do you need to purify yourself from things that have contaminated your life?
- 20. How should Christians balance their involvement with non-Christians?
- \* 21. In what kinds of relationships can a Christian become bound too tightly to unbelievers?
  - 22. When have you witnessed the consequences produced when a believer was obliged to an unbeliever?
- \* 23. What can a Christian do if he or she is beholden to an unbeliever too much?
  - 24. How can you keep your relationships with non-Christians without tightly binding yourself to them?

# **Apply It**

- \* 25. In what relationships do you need to maintain your freedom to follow Christian convictions?
  - 26. What can you do this week to show your reverence for God?