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1 CORINTHIANS
Part 2
Going from Milk to Meat

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

[1 Corinthians 3:1-2]

Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in the Christian life. 2 I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready,

[Hebrews 5:11-12]

There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen. 12 You have been believers so long now that

you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food.

[1 Corinthians 3:3-4]

for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren't you living like people of the world? 4 When one of you says, "I am a follower of Paul," and another says, "I follow Apollos," aren't you acting just like people of the world?

[1 Corinthians 3:3, NKJV]

For you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

"Carnal Christian" = Someone who lives for the desires of their flesh to the demise of their spiritual growth

[Galatians 5:16-21]

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality,

impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

[Romans 8:5-6]

Those who are dominated by the sinful nature (flesh) think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. 6 So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. y those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God.

[1 Corinthians 3:4]

For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

[1 Corinthians 3:5-10]

After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. 6 I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. 7 It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. 8 The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. 9 For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building. 10 Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder, now others are building on it

[1 Corinthians 3:11-15]

But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. 12 If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13 their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. 14 If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. 15 But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.

[2 Corinthians 5:10]

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

[Revelation 22:12]

“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done”

[Matthew 5:11]

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven”

[Matthew 10:41]

If you receive a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will be given the same reward as a prophet.

[Hebrews 10:35]

Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

[2 John 1:8]

Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.

[1 Corinthians 3:16-17]

Don't you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? God will destroy anyone who destroys this temple. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

[1 Corinthians 3:17, NIV]

If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Give some examples of the "milk" of the Word**
- 2. What are some symptoms of living a carnal Christian life?**
- 3. How can we effectively move from Milk to Meat? Is it found in following more rules?**
- 4. What is an area in your life where you moved from milk to meat?**
- 5. Paul was great at building and establishing churches, there was a grace on his life to do this, what has God given you grace to do?**
- 6. Have you done an inventory of what you are building on the foundation of Christ? Does it qualify as Gold, Silver and costly stone that will stand up to the fire or is it wood, hay and straw that will be consumed by the fire?**
- 7. What can we do to ensure we will continue to grow in the ways of The Lord building on Christ our foundation with things that will last?**