



Supernatural – Honor The Temple Pastor Dave Patterson 10.01.2023

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

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. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[2 Timothy 3:16-17]

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

[1 Corinthians 6:9, AMP]

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God?

[1 Corinthians 6:10-11, AMP]

Do not be deceived; neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor male prostitutes, nor those who participate in homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers [whose words are used as weapons to abuse, insult, humiliate, intimidate, or slander], nor swindlers will inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God. And such were some of you [before you believed]. But you were washed [by the atoning sacrifice of Christ], you were sanctified [set apart for God, and made holy], you were justified [declared free of guilt] in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the [Holy] Spirit of our God [the source of the believer's new life and changed behavior].

[1 Corinthians 6:12]

You say, "I have the right to do anything,"—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"— but, I must not become a slave to anything.

[Romans 6:16]

Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.

[1 Corinthians 6:13]

You say, "Food was made for the stomach, and the stomach for food." (This is true, though someday God will do away with both of them.) But you can't say that our bodies were made for sexual immorality. They were made for the Lord, and the Lord cares about our bodies.

Fornication / Greekk. Porneia

- illicit sexual intercourse
- adultery, fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism, intercourse with animals etc.
- sexual intercourse with close relatives
- sexual intercourse with a divorced man or woman;
- the worship of sexual idols

[Psalm 86:11]

Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

Heart / Lebab = the inner man, mind, will, heart, soul, the center and essence of who we are

[1 Corinthians 6:15-17]

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

[1 Corinthians 6:18-20]

Run away from sexual immorality [in any form, whether thought or behavior, whether visual or written]. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the one who is sexually immoral sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is within you, whom you have [received as a gift] from God, and that you are not your own [property]? You were bought with a price [you were actually purchased with the precious blood of Jesus and made His own]. So then, honor and glorify God with your body.

As you "Honor the temple"

1. You will experience the nearness and intimacy of the Holy Spirit

[I Thessalonians 5:19]

"Do not quench (put out) the Holy Spirit's fire"

2. You will discover the perfect will of God for your life

[Romans 12:1-2]

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him... Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect"

3. You will experience the goodness of God

[Psalm 84:11]

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD bestows grace and favor and honor; No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

Key Points:

As you "Honor the Temple"

1. You will experience the nearness and intimacy of the Holy Spirit
2. You will discover the perfect will of God for your life
3. You will experience the goodness of God

Applications for the Week:

Make this verse your prayer, "Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name." [Psalm 86:11]. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's perfect will for your life.

Discussion Questions

1. What are some things we can learn from the culture of Corinth and the response of the believers?
2. What do you think of the principle that "the gospel shines the brightest in the darkest places?"
3. What happens to our emotional health and soul when our sexuality has no boundaries or limits? How do we realign back to God's design?
4. Why do we "become the slave of whatever we choose to obey?" How does this work both for living for the Lord and for following the ways of the world?
5. What rewards come with "honoring the Temple?"
6. How do we discover God's plan for us per Roman's 12:1-2?
7. Where has freedom brought you in your faith journey? What did it take to keep moving forward?
8. Pray for one another to experience the nearness and intimacy of the Holy Spirit.