1 Corinthians: When Controversy, Questions & Confusion Strike the BodyText: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20~Monroe Bible ChurchAugust 16, 2020Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl

## Wholeness

I. The Question of Purpose (12-14)

Your body's purpose is not mere *physical pleasure*, it has *eternal* purpose.

II. The Question of Union (15-17)

I am one with who or what I give my body to.

III. The Question of Ownership (18-20)

My *perception* of ownership will determine the *purpose* I give my body.

How will I *glorify God* with my body?

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

1. Researchers tell us that the moral standard of people in the church is not much different than that of those outside the church. Do you agree? Why?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-14. Apparently, the Corinthian believers had a belief that since they were Christians, anything they did with their bodies was ok. Why might they have thought this?

Can you think of things Christians do that reflects the same thinking?

What are the 2 "standards" Paul used for himself to measure the acceptability of doing something? Does this mostly rule out recreation for us today? Explain.

3. In 1 Corinthians 6:15-17 we see that sexual immorality is not compatible with maintaining a relationship with the Lord. What are some of the things that help you in maintaining your relationship with the Lord?

If one thing were to become an idol or a god (master you), and hinder you in your relationship with the Lord, what would it most likely be?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20. Immorality works against God's purpose for our bodies. What is God's purpose for our bodies?

What are three, or more, ways you can use your body to bring glory to God?

5. What do you think is the most important thing for the church to do in order to raise or uphold God's moral standard?

What is one thing you can do to help raise or uphold that standard?