

2010-11 BSP#4 Group Time Discussion

L – Low, M – Medium, and H – High, indicate the difficulty of a question. Group leaders should select questions that are challenging to their groups but not so difficult that their group members cannot answer.

(A) **“He Opened to Us the Scriptures” - Questions for scriptural reading and discussion**
(Time available: 10 minutes. Do at least 2 questions.) 「祂給我們講解了聖經」 - 為讀經及共同討論的問題(用十分鐘時間，至少討論 2 個問題)

1. [L] Compare 1 Cor. 5:1-2 and Leviticus 18:1-8. How does Paul use the moral commands to Israel to redirect the moral life of the gentile Christians in Corinth?
請比較格前 5：1-2 及肋未紀 18：1-8。保祿是如何用以色列民的道德誡律，轉變格城那些由外教歸化的基督徒的道德生活？
2. [M] Based on 1 Cor. 6:15-16a, why is it such a serious sin to become one with a prostitute? 依據格前 6：15-16 a，為何與娼妓相結合是嚴重的罪？
3. [H] (Answer this question only if your group also answers question 2 above.) In 1 Cor. 6:16b, St. Paul refers to Genesis 2:24. In the context of Genesis 2:24, why is it such a serious sin to become one with a prostitute? (先回答第二題後再回答這題。) 在格前 6:16b 中，保祿引用了創世紀 2：24。由創世紀 2：24 看，為何與娼妓相結合是嚴重的罪？

(B) **“Did Not Our Hearts Burn?” – Discuss the question below for meditation, prayer, and application. (Suggested time: 15 minutes)** “我們的心不是火熱的嗎？“為默想，祈禱，實踐”的題目，請用十五分鐘討論以下問題。

Now to the unmarried and to widows, I say: it is a good thing for them to remain as they are, as I do, but if they cannot exercise self-control they should marry, for it is better to marry than to be on fire. (1 Cor 7:8-9) 我對那些尚未結婚的人，及對寡婦說：如果她們能止於現狀，像我一樣，為她們倒好。但若她們節制不住自己，就讓她們婚嫁，因為與其慾火中燒，倒不如結婚為妙。(格前 7：8-9)

Why do you think living a celibate life is a nobler calling than celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony? See if the following comment from Christopher West would help your assessment and discussion:

為何你認為守貞的召叫比婚配聖事的召叫更尊貴？

試閱讀下面 Christopher West 書中一段的話，也許有所幫助。

“Celibacy is not a rejection of sexuality, but a living out of its ultimate meaning. Those who are celibate for the kingdom ‘skip the sacrament’ in order to direct all of their energies and desires for union to the ‘real thing’” (*The Good News About Sex and Marriage Seminar Workbook*, p.24).

守貞不是對性有所抗拒，而是為了活出性的最終極意義。即是，那為天國守貞而放棄婚配聖事的，是為將他全部的能力與意願去和“真實的”相結合。(有關性與婚姻生活繪音的研習作業本 24 頁)