

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

1. Paul warns against being “unequally yoked” with unbelievers. In the larger context of the letter, he likely has in mind false spiritual leaders (2 Corinthians 2:17; 10:10, 12; 11:4-5, 13-15, 20; 12:11), even when those leaders appeared impressive and persuasive. What signs or “fruit” does Scripture point to as evidence of true versus false spiritual leadership, and why do you think Christians can still struggle to recognize or leave unhealthy spiritual authority?
2. Read Leviticus 26:11-13, Isaiah 52:11, Isaiah 43:2-7. In 2 Corinthians 6, Paul connects the command to “leave” with Old Testament images of Israel leaving Egypt and Babylon. What do these promises and commands teach us about God’s holiness, the identity of His people, and the challenge of belonging fully to Christ?
3. The passage and sermon distinguished between healthy relationships with unbelievers and relationships that become an “unequal yoke.” What kinds of questions or warning signs help us discern the difference? When can a relationship with an unbeliever be faithful and life-giving, and when does it begin pulling someone away from wholehearted devotion to Christ?
4. The passage and sermon described how fear, emotional attachment, identity, or community can make it difficult to leave unhealthy relationships or environments. Why do you think walking away can feel so costly, and how do God’s promises of protection, identity, and belonging encourage believers to trust Him in those moments?