1. **1 Corinthians 7:8-9**

* In this statement we see Paul once again affirm it is “good” for others to remain as he is, that is unmarried, but what does he mean when he states “it is better to marry than to be on fire”?

1. **1 Corinthians 7:10-11**

* Who is giving the “instruction” here according to the scripture?
* What are wives being instructed to do?
* What are husbands being instructed to do?
* What do you believe the main purpose of these instructions are?

1. **1 Corinthians 7:12-14**

* Who is giving the instruction here according to the scripture?
* Why do you believe Paul started **verse 12** like he did, please share?
* What does Paul reveal about people who are married to unbelievers and what are your thoughts about this, please share?

1. **1 Corinthians 7:15-16**

* **Mark 10:2-9**
* Do the instructions here in **1st Corinthians** seem to agree with what Jesus said in **The Gospel of** **Mark**?
* Why did Moses allow divorce according to **The Gospel of Mark**?
* Notice in **verse 12** of **1st Corinthians** Paul stated, “I say (not the Lord)”, what are your thoughts about Paul’s instructions here, please share?
* What do you know about the **Pauline Privilege**, please share (see the resources page)?
* What do you know about the **Petrine Privilege**, please share (see the resources page)?
* What should a believer do if their unbelieving spouse “separates” from them according to Paul?
* Is Paul’s message or the Church teachings on the Pauline and Petrine Privilege new news to you, or were you completely aware of this?
* **2nd Corinthians 6:14-18**
* Can you explain why heeding Paul’s advice in **2nd Corinthians 6:14** might be helpful?
* **Judges 3:4-6, Ezra 9:1-15**
* What was the effect on God’s people who were yoked to unbelievers in these stories?
* **Matthew 12:42**
* Who is the queen of the south and why did she “come from the ends of the earth” to see “Solomon”?
* **1 Kings 10:1-5**
* How wise was God’s anointed King Solomon, would you say he was below or above average in wisdom when compared to the typical catechized Christian of today?
* **Nehemiah 13:23, 1 Kings 11:1-11**
* Was Solomon able to maintain his faithful relationship with God unhindered while being unequally yoked?
* Do you think the average Christian today can accomplish what Solomon could not (maintaining faithfulness to God even while being married to an unbeliever), why or why not?
* Please explain what Paul it trying to convey with his words in **1st Corinthians** **7:16.**
* Can you think of a situation where someone was yoked to an unbeliever and it had a positive outcome, please share your story with the group?
* Share something with the group that stood out for you today in this study.