1. **1 Corinthians 7:17-20**
* What does Paul mean by stating, “live as the Lord has assigned”?
* Consider these phrases removed from this reading and apply it to something in your life, “He should not try to undo” and “Everyone should remain in the state in which he was called”?
* How does this make you feel about a decision you might have made Before establishing a firm relationship with Christ and his Church, share if you feel called to do so?
* How do you think this made the Jews and Gentiles of that time feel to hear these words?
* What does this say to you about God?
1. **1 Corinthians 7:21-24**
* Share the impact you think these words might have had on someone experiencing being enslaved during this time period.
* Who all does this message apply to in your opinion?
1. **1 Corinthians 7:25-28**
* What does Paul’s preference seem to be for “virgins”?
* What will people who marry experience?
* Why do you think Paul would say such a thing, please explain?
* Do you agree with Paul?
1. **1 Corinthians 7:29-31**
* How is “time running out”? What time???
* What does Paul mean when he states, “the world in its present form is passing away”?
* **Catechism** **1042 -1050**
* **2 Peter 3:8-13**
* Paul makes this “passing” seem imminent, what does Peter say that might help us to be patient?
* What do you think Paul is recommending these people do with their time here on earth?
* If you had to paraphrase what Paul is saying here in a simple sentence, what would you tell another person he is saying?
1. **1 Corinthians 7:32-35**
* What is a married man or woman worried about in life according to Paul?
* What is the unmarried Christian worried about according to Paul?
* What challenges does the married life bring to the table, regarding love of God?
1. **1 Corinthians 7:36-38**
* What do you think Paul is trying to say by stating, “behaving improperly toward his virgin”?
* What might be a “critical moment”?
* What is the solution for a person in this situation?
* What does Paul seem to think of the individual who has no need of marriage and can “stand firm” in his ways?
1. **1 Corinthians 7:39-40**
* What famous saying at weddings comes from the teaching in **verse 39**?
* Who does Paul consider “more blessed”, the widow who remains a widow or the one who remarries?
* Does this surprise you in any way?
* Share your favorite verse from today’s study with the group.