

“Bloom Where You Are Planted”

1 Corinthians 7:17–24

17 September 2023

INVITATION

1. What are some situations we are tempted to believe would help us to be better Christians, if we could change them?

RECOLLECTION

2. What stood out to you as you listened to the sermon Sunday morning? Was there anything said on which you require further clarity?

Are there areas in which you would like to see change in your own walk with the Lord? How can your Grace Group hold you accountable?

OBSERVATION

3. In the light of the context, what did Paul mean by the exhortation, “You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men” (v. 22)? Is he counselling running away from one’s master or is he suggesting another kind of “slavery”?

APPLICATION

4. Paul exhorted bondservants to be content if they cannot attain freedom. How might we apply this to our times?

How do contentment and ambition relate? In other words, is obedience active or passive?

How does the new covenant enable us to be equally faithful no matter our circumstances?

5. Sometimes Christians are in very difficult marriages where there is abuse (physical, emotional). Does 1 Corinthians 7:17–24 demand that the victim remain in the marriage? How should we counsel the victim?

6. To “bloom” takes work. How can we ensure that both we and others in the church bloom to our/their potential?

How might we become enslaved to the world’s values?

7. It has been often said, “The Lord is sovereign *over* all or not sovereign *at* all.” How does this apply to situations in which great harm is being done by others? How can we find comfort in such circumstances?

SUPPLICATION

8. Write down some prayer requests mentioned in your Group and pray for them throughout this week.

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