

Glory in the Gray
1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1
March 6, 2022

I. Not Maintaining a Label (10:23-24)

A. The Christian life is not about maintaining a label, but about pursuing a relationship with Christ that is fruitful for other people.

II. Pursuing a Relationship (10:25-11:1)

A. Being in active pursuit of a relationship with Christ protects us from spiritual insecurity.

B. Being in active pursuit of a relationship with Christ inspires us to protect the spiritual integrity of others.

C. Being in active pursuit of a relationship with Christ is about exalting God in all we do.

D. Being in active pursuit of a relationship with Christ reproduces that relationship in others.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1.
2. What is the difference between living your life to maintain the label of Christian on yourself versus living it to be helpful or constructive to others? Which criteria are Christians commanded to use, according to verses 23-24? Why?
3. What is the difference between pursuing godliness, which we should do, and being spiritually insecure, which is what would happen if Christians lived as though what they ate condemned them, according to verses 25-26?
4. What is the difference between being a “people pleaser”, which we shouldn’t be, and seeking to please others, which verse 33 commands us to do? Why is it important to know the difference?
5. Share examples of difficult decisions you have had to make and how seeking the glory of God did or didn’t play a role in your decision. How did that affect the result of your decision?
6. As Christians go about their lives trying to bless others with the salvation they have been given, why is it important they have “imitatable” faith, as verse 1 of chapter 11 says?
7. Pray for our church, that God would assist our church members in pursuing a relationship with Christ that is fruitful to other people. Consider coming to tonight’s online church prayer meeting at 7 pm (register from the church website on the homepage).

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: Job 31-33

March Memory Verses: Job 42:1-6

1 Corinthians 15:50-54 (ESV)

⁵⁰ I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. This registration will last through 4/17/2022. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

- PRAYING for our GriefShare ministry as it prepares for its next semester and follows up with its past participants.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Steve & Joy V. in Turkey, Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Gwen L. (brother), Paul & Kathy W. (daughter's significant other), Comfort J. (husband), Trevon T. (grandmother), Walter W. (brother), Gretchen E. (father), Rick V.S. (brother), Terry H. (brother), and Matthew M. (uncle)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues), Mary R. (awaiting kidney transplant), Debbie B. (blood clots, hip pain), Leon V. (chemo & recovery from infection), Ann C.-W. (health issues), Ruthie C. (recovery from a fall), Ken R. (recovering from surgery at home), Twila D. (declining health), and Marie B's husband (recovery from emergency surgery & continued back issues)
- Those struggling with COVID
- Others that you are aware of