



# Pleased to be pure

## Sex, grace and leaving the past behind

1 Corinthians 6v9-11

**Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016**

**But...but...but**

**I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll...**

**The blunt truth: the big picture (v9a)**

**Caught in the current? (v9b)**

## **The blunt truth: the detail (v9c-10)**

- **Sexually immoral**

- **Idolaters**

- **Adulterers**

- **Male prostitutes & homosexual offenders**

- **Thieves**

- **Greedy**

- **Drunkards**

- **Slanderers**

- **Swindlers**

**A church full of 'ex-'s' (v11)**

**The reality of the fight: grace and fighting sin (v11)**

**What you believe shapes who you are**

**So run back to God**

**Conversation starter:**

What good, and what bad has come from our society becoming more relaxed about talking about sexuality?



## Discussion group questions

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

**Please note: Be aware that some people may find these verses more uncomfortable to talk about. Please be sensitive!**

- Do you think the 21st Century British church, in general, comes across as judgemental, 'holier than thou', out of touch or no different than the rest of our culture?
- What do you think the Corinthians are in danger of being 'deceived about' (v9)? In what ways touched on in these verses might we be in danger of being deceived?

Feel free to pick from the following questions addressing categories in v9-10

- **Sexual sin:** In what ways should the church stand out from the world regarding our attitudes towards sex? Do we? (more on this in v12-20)
- **Greed:** how is greed a *subtle* and *acceptable* sin in our day. Where are our attitudes towards it wrong?
- **Drunkards:** In what ways should the church stand out from the world in our attitudes towards drink? Do we?
- **Slanderers:** In what ways is slander acceptable in our culture? What about in the church?
- Imagine being in the Corinthian church. How do the words '*that is what some of you were*' impact upon you? How does seeing it is God's work (v11) affect you?
- How are you to now see yourself? How does this change everything?

Spend some time in prayer about these things together.