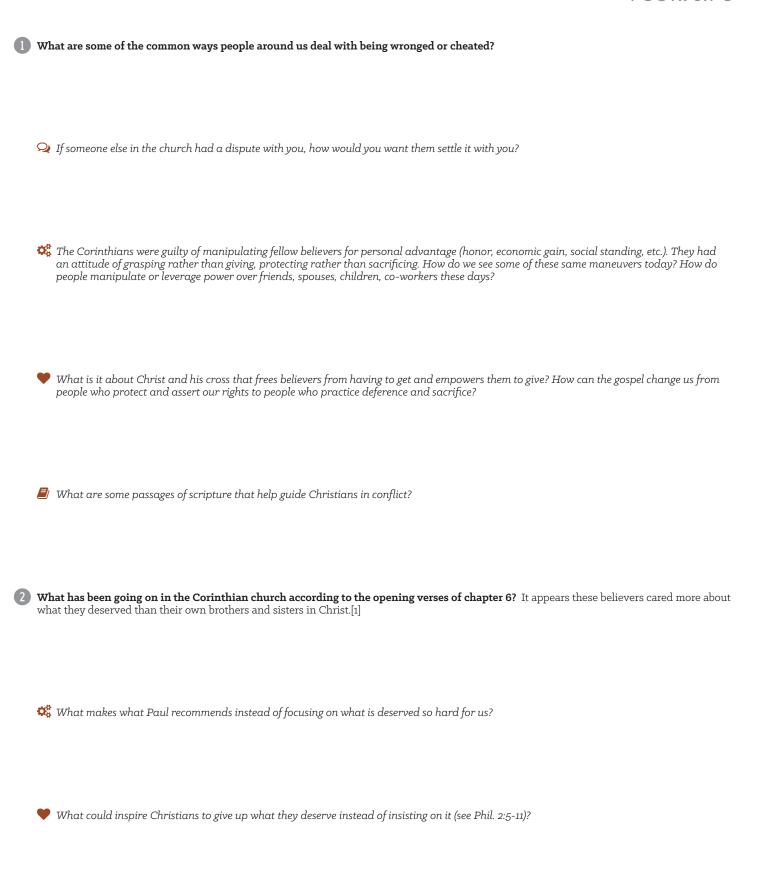
1 COR. 6:1-8



3	If you are wronged, deprived, or cheated in some way what's your first response? Do you think of mediation before litigation in times of dispute?	
	♥ What are some of the attitudes and motivations revealed in your own heart as you consider your first	responses when wronged?
	What impact do you think it would make on our culture if law courts were used as a last resort instead	l of α first response?[3]
4	What would it look like for the church to take sin seriously, but handle it graciously? $[4]$	
	How does a recognition of our own sinfulness help us resolve conflict? How does an eternal perspective been forgiven change the atmosphere of a dispute?	and a commitment to forgive as we've
	Read 2 Cor. 5:14-21. How should the Christian's ministry of reconciliation impact the way we handle pr	oblems? PRAYER REQUESTS
5	In 1 Corinthians 6, Paul objects to believers taking each other to court. Is Paul saying that Christians should never use the legal system? Explain your answer (see Acts 16:35-40; 22:24-29; 23:12-24; 25:11). Paul's squelching of civil litigation in the church doesn't mean that criminal activity or illegal behavior should be concealed. This passage must not be used as a pretext for institutional silence, cover-ups, or protection of abusive leaders.[2]	
	When we consider the contextual differences between Paul's day and our own, and when we take into account the whole counsel of Scripture, are there some guiding principles that help us know when and when not to use the courts?	
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