

Chinese Martyrs Catholic Church
Bible Sharing Program 2010-11
1 Corinthians #4: Sexual Immorality: Are We For or
Against It?

TGQ = Tim Gray Study Set Questions
TGR = Tim Gray Study Set Responses
NJBC = New Jerome Biblical Commentary
CSB = Ignatius Catholic Study Bible
HO = Special Handout
SK = Sze Go Chinese Bible

A	<p><u>Introduction of Related Passages</u></p> <p>“Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.”</p>	<p>Cor 5-7</p> <p>1Sam 3:9</p>
B	<p><u>Handling the Immorality of the Corinthians</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meaning of : The evil one, “he who has done this would have been removed from among you” and “hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh”. • If the case is beyond reasonable doubt, the Church will excommunicate the offender, but this does not imply oppression and cruelty. • Both good and bad Christians can function as yeast. One should exemplify the virtues of Christians, such as holiness, joy, and morality, and acting as yeast in society, influences the brothers and sisters in Christ so they will strive for holiness, too. • “For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.” Christians should “celebrate the festival” to remember Christ’s sacrifice through the Eucharist. • Believers are urged to judge those who belong to the Church, not outside of it because the Church cannot leave the world and must dwell in the world but not belonging to it. 	<p>Cor 5</p> <p>Cor 5:2-5, TGQ p. 20</p> <p>TGR 4-3, Mt 18:17</p> <p>TGQ p. 21</p> <p>Cor 5:7-8</p> <p>Cor 5:9-13, TGR4-4, Jn 17:14</p>
C	<p><u>Handling (Lawsuits) Disputes Among Believers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul does not mean to disrespect the laws laid down by the government; this can be seen clearly in the Acts of the Apostles. On the other hand, he objects to the rich oppressing the poor. He is saddened by the division among Christians. • “Do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God?” Paul first uses reward and punishment (the law) as explanation; however, he asks for repentance: “You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.” • Isolation and punishment only result in violence and hatred; holiness comes from the contrition “arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called "perfect" (contrition of charity).” • Homosexuality is immoral. • The Theology of the Body reflects Paul’s objection to the Greek spirituality. 	<p>Cor 6</p> <p>CSB TGR 4-5b</p> <p>Cor 6:9 Cor 6:11</p> <p>HO 1 TGR 4-5b CCC1452</p> <p>Cor 6:9, Rm 1:26, Lev 18;22, 20:13 CSB, CCC 2357-59 TGQ p. 22 TGR 4-7</p>
D	<p><u>Marriage, Sex, and Virginity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “ A man not to touch a woman”: Is Paul degrading sex? “For it is better to marry 	<p>Cor 7</p> <p>Cor 7:1-11</p>

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	<p>than to be aflame with passion.”: is Paul degrading marriage? Of course not! He regards virginity is superior to married life. In fact, he encourages the husband and wife to give conjugal rights to each other to avoid temptations. Paul’s teaching on gender equality surpasses his own times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Pauline privilege.	<p>TGR 4-8 & 9</p> <p>Cor 7:12-16, CSB</p>
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SPECIAL HANDOUT

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1. “This is Jesus’ simple message: Holiness is no longer to be found through separation from or exclusion of, but in fact, the radical inclusion (read ‘forgiveness’) of the supposedly contaminating element. Any exclusionary system only lays the solid foundation for violence in thought, word and deed.” (Fr. R. Rohr, *Things Hidden – Scripture as Spirituality*, p. 151)