



DIRTY CHURCH

PART 2

In Summary . . .

Dr. Jeff Bucknam | 1 Corinthians 10:23–11:1

1. What are some “lawful” things for Christians to do that may not be “helpful” for a Christian to do? How would you counsel someone about these things? Would you warn them or just leave them be?

2. Why is it hard for us to “seek the good of our neighbor” over our own good? How do we Christians get better at it? What motivates us most to do it?

3. Describe some “fences” that Christians tend to build around God’s laws? Why do some Christians do this? How should a Christian who is being judged not for breaking God’s rules, but for breaking one of the Christian “fences” respond to that judgment? How do we both embrace Christian freedom and remain focused on personal holiness at the same time?

4. In what ways do we capitulate to the unbelieving society around us that muddy the waters of what it looks like to follow Jesus? Should we use preferred pronouns? Why or why not? Should we attend gay weddings? Why or why not? Should we keep attending a yoga class that is clearly seen as worship to other deities by the teacher and members of the class (can we attend any kind of yoga)?

5. Do you think people are more likely to come to faith in Christ if Christians are always nice to them, never contradicting their views on matters, or if Christians are frequently refraining from participating in questionable cultural events (even at the risk of “turning people off”)? What advice would you give to another believer about this? What kinds of things do you think “turn off” unbelievers that Christians shouldn’t do and what kinds of things “clarify” Christianity to unbelievers that Christians should do?

6. Who in your life taught you the ways of Jesus best? Were they deliberate in saying, “Follow me as I follow Christ” or did they teach you more organically? What stops us from telling others to follow us while we follow Christ?

Passages Cited in the Sermon... 1 Corinthians 10:24-11:1. Ezekiel 4:9. Matthew 20:20-28.