



## WEEK 13 | CALLED TO JUDGE | NICK CARNES

*All Scripture is in the Christian Standard Bible (CSB), unless noted differently.*

**1 Corinthians 6:1** If any of you has a dispute against another, how dare you take it to court before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?

**The Church has the responsibility and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ disputes among believers**

**1 Corinthians 6:2-3** Or don't you know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the trivial cases? <sup>3</sup> Don't you know that we will judge angels—how much more matters of this life?

**Jude 14-15** It was about these that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied: "Look! The Lord comes with tens of thousands of his holy ones <sup>15</sup> to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly concerning all the ungodly acts that they have done in an ungodly way, and concerning all the harsh things ungodly sinners have said against him."

**1 Corinthians 6:4-6** So if you have such matters, do you appoint as your judges those who have no standing in the church? <sup>5</sup> I say this to your shame! Can it be that there is not one wise person among you who is able to arbitrate between fellow believers?

<sup>6</sup> Instead, brother goes to court against brother, and that before unbelievers!

**1 Corinthians 6:7-8** As it is, to have legal disputes against one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? <sup>8</sup> Instead, you yourselves do wrong and cheat—and you do this to brothers and sisters!

**It is better to accept \_\_\_\_\_ from a fellow believer than to \_\_\_\_\_ them through worldly measures**

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11** Don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be deceived: No sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, or males who have sex with males, <sup>10</sup> no thieves, greedy people, drunkards, verbally abusive people, or swindlers will inherit God's kingdom. <sup>11</sup> And some of you used to be like this. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

**Jesus's spiritual \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_ through His finished work on the cross transforms sinners**

## GO DEEPER

*This week, read the Scriptures from Sunday and answer these questions:*

1. What did you learn from Sunday's sermon? Did you gain new insights?
2. Why do you think Christians today are often reluctant to handle disputes within the church, as Paul instructs in 1 Corinthians 6? What are some fears or assumptions that might keep believers from bringing a matter before spiritual leaders?
3. Paul says it's better to be wronged than to take a fellow believer to court. How does that challenge our natural desire for fairness or justice? Have you ever had to choose between being right and preserving unity? What happened?
4. What does it say about God's view of the church that He considers even the "lowliest" believer more qualified to judge spiritual matters than the world's most educated experts? How can this truth influence the way you view your own spiritual maturity and responsibility?
5. Paul reminds the Corinthians that they "used to be" like the unrighteous, but were washed, sanctified, and justified. Why is it important to remember where we've come from in our walk with Christ? In what ways have you seen transformation in your life since coming to know Jesus?
6. Oswald Chambers said God may call us to be "doormats" for the sake of Christ. How do you respond to that idea emotionally and spiritually? Can you think of a time when humility in conflict became a powerful witness to someone?
7. What step could you take this week to pursue peace with someone you're in conflict with, or to encourage someone else to handle a dispute biblically? How can your small group help support each other in resolving issues like these in Christ-honoring ways?