## Where should disputes among believers be resolved?

Why are lawsuits among believers a "defeat"?

What is the sober warning of verses 9-11?

## **Application & Discussion Questions**

- 1. Do you have any questions about the meaning of today's passage?
- 2. Why is it important that we settle disputes among Christians inside the church? Have you ever seen an example where Christians settled a dispute within the church? What did this process look like?
- 3. What would motivate a Christian to be willing to suffer being wronged rather than retaliate with a lawsuit? Have you ever faced such a situation where you chose to suffer being wronged?
- 4. Why is it so important that we see that our identity is NOT in the sins that we formerly lived in but instead is in the reality of who we NOW are in Christ? How does this truth encourage you?
- 5. How does today's passage speak truth into your life and challenge you personally?