10 – 2 Corinthians 6:11-7:4 – Separation from Contamination

… often quoted out of context

2 Cor so far

… false teachers have spent lots of time undermining and attacking Paul.

…incredible treasure the gospel is

Gospel … Spirit… Hardships = demonstrations of both his authenticity and the gospel authenticity

2 Cor 6:11 - open their hearts to him

The choice = listen to him and the gospel he proclaims OR listen to the false teachers

Hard Decisions

2 Cor 6:14, “Do not be yoked together with unbelievers”.

3 questions

1. “What does ‘being yoke together’ mean?”
2. “Who are the unbelievers?”
3. “What area of life is it that we are not to be yoked together with unbelievers in?”

What is being yoked together?

Bullock team (show picture).

… not saying being ‘yoked to anything’ is wrong

See Matt 11:29, “take my yoke upon you and learn from me”

… referring to ‘unevenly yoked’

Who are the unbelievers?

Some … tell us they are not believers

Some… have rejected key things to do with the gospel.

What about those who simply believe something different to me but the difference they believe is not a core gospel belief?

See 1 Cor 10:23 and Romans 14:1 - disputable matters.

= people who are not God’s people because they have not responded to the gospel or because they have rejected the biblical gospel or parts of it.

What area of life does this apply?

God’s word gives us lots of guidance on what is OK to do with unbelievers.

This passage…

v 16, “We are the temple of the living God”

v 16-18 – OT passages

worship … obedience … to be set apart

See 2 Cor 7:1

For us today

1. Impact on us in the diocese
2. Impact on what we pursue as a church

Where do we go from here?