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Digging deeper: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11 (Take disputes to the church)

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- What resources can Christians use to judge righteously between other believers?

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Read: Leviticus 19:15, Proverbs 31:8-9, Matthew 18:15-19

- What does the Bible say about resolving disputes in the church?
- What should our attitude be if we are accused of wrongdoing and are corrected by another believer or the church? Can you find any other supporting scriptures?

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Read Daniel 7:27, Matthew 19:27-28, 2 Timothy 2:11-13, Revelation 20:4

- What does the Bible mean when it says, "…we believers will judge the world and angels?"
- When and where will this take place?
- Will *all* believers have the authority to rule and reign?
- Who will these "judges" report to?
- How do you feel about ruling and reigning with Christ?

Observations:

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- Why do you *think* believers try to resolve disputes through the secular courts instead of the church?
  (Perhaps thinking that is how justice will be carried out and enforced. Many believers today don't realize that God is the one who gives righteous justice.)
- What resources can Christians use to judge righteously between other believers?
  (the Spirit of God, having the gift of wisdom (v5), good listening, asking good questions to uncover truth, and being able to handle matters justly in personal and work life)

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- What does the Bible say about resolving disputes in the church?
  (Go privately; bring 1-2 witnesses; involve the church community. We should compare those misdeeds *against the word* of God; rely on prayer and the guidance of the holy spirit; be fair in judgment, not showing favoritism.)
- What should our attitude be if we are accused of wrongdoing and are corrected by another believer or the church? Can you find any supporting scriptures?
  (humility, grace, seek to understand, and turn from wrongdoing submission,; Proverbs 29:23 Pride ends in humiliation, while *humility* brings honor. 1 Peter 2:13-17 respect the authority God has given.)

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- What does the Bible mean when it says, "…we believers will judge the world and angels?"
  (under the headship of Christ, faithful believers will be given authority to judge in the Kingdom. 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6, 14-15 the judgment of angels.)
- When and where will this take place?
  (In His Kingdom on earth and when the world is made new – before the new heavens and earth, 1000 years of the Millennial Kingdom)
- Will all believers have the authority to rule and reign?
  (The disciples will judge the tribes of Israel; those beheaded during the Tribulation will reign 1000 years; believers who endure and don't shrink back/endure hardship will reign.)
- Who will these "judges" report to? (All rulers will serve and obey the Son of Man on His glorious throne; believers will be given authority to judge)
- How do you feel about ruling and reigning with Christ?