

Life Together Group Questions
January 8, 2017
1 Corinthians 5:1-5, 6-13

1. As you read through vss.1-13 what are the issues that come up in the Corinthian church in this situation? Which do you believe is the most challenging for yourself or the Church?
2. When you read the words “sexual immorality” in vs.1 what comes to mind?
3. How would our society define “sexual immorality”? What is the basis for such a definition? What is the basis of the follower of Christ? [See Eph. 5:3, Col. 3:5-6, 1 Thes. 4:3-8; Heb. 13:4]
4. This man’s incestuous relationship was unbiblical [Lev. 18:8, Deut. 22:30; 27:20], and even beyond what most gentiles would tolerate. What does that say about the depravity and deception of sin that this man was under? Can something like this happen to us, and, if so, how do we guard against it?
5. Paul chastises the Corinthians for being proud of this happening in their midst in vs. 2. Pastor Nathan mentioned that he believed this error took place because of their faulty view of grace, life in the Spirit and freedom in Christ. [see 1 Cor.6:12] What do these passages tell us about these things? [Rom. 6:1-2,11-14; Tit. 2:11-15; Gal. 5:13-23; 6:7-8]
6. In vs.2 Paul indicates that the proper response would have been sorrow and kicking this man out of the fellowship. Why? What this say about the destructiveness of on setting sin in the life of the believer in the midst of the body?
7. What do you make of Paul’s claim to be spiritually present in vss. 3-5?
8. Paul calls for this man to be handed over to Satan in a Church service. [see 1Tim. 1:19-20] What good would the “destruction of the flesh” accomplish? How would you compare this to Job? Ananias & Sapphira in Acts 5?
9. Read Matt. 18:15-20. How does this Church discipline teaching compare to this situation?
10. How does Hebrews 12:5-11 inform us about God’s heart even in the midst of His discipline?
11. How would you approach a brother or sister that seems to be living a life of unrepentant sin?

SERMON OUTLINE:

- **A Sinful Sexuality** – 1 Cor. 5:1
- **A Perverted Pride**- 1 Cor. 5:2
- **A Delivering Discipline** - 1 Cor. 5:3-5
- **A Sanctifying Separation** – 1 Cor. 5:6-8
- **Separation Clarification** - 1 Cor. 5:9-11
- **Identification of Obligation** – 1 Cor. 5:12-13