

Life Together Group Questions
January 15, 2017
1 Corinthians 5:6-13

1. What principle is Paul invoking in this “*a little leaven, leavens the whole batch of dough*” proverb? See vs. 6-8. How would we see this applying in the church today?
2. What do you read in Exodus 12:14-20 that helps you understand these verses?
3. Pastor Nathan talked about leavening (causing bread to rise) by pulling out a part of some dough, allowing it to ferment, then adding it to the next batch. If this is a continual process, how does that illustrate allowing sin to fester and keep growing?
4. What is the connection between the “*unleavened batch*” and “*Christ, our Passover Lamb*”? (vs. 7) What does this tell us about our sanctification and why “*get rid of the old leaven*” if the source is Christ?
5. Compare the “*leaven of Malice and Wickedness*” vs. “*the unleavened bread of Sincerity and Truth*” (vs. 8) What might each produce in the Body of believers?
6. Are there any other reasons for this separation that are beneficial to the body?
7. Paul makes a clarification of whom he is commanding separation from in vs. 9-10. Why? What should be our expectation of those in this world who are not Christ followers? How should we be interacting with them on a day in, day out basis? (Matt. 5:13-14; 10:16; 2 Cor. 5:20) Are there times we need to separate ourselves from the world? What would those circumstances be?
8. Paul not only includes the “*Sexually Immoral*” as those not to associate with but also the “*Greedy*”, the “*Idolater*”, the “*Slanderer*”, the “*Drunkard*”, and the “*Swindler*” (vs. 11) What does this list tell us?
9. How do we square Paul’s seeming command to “*Judge those inside*” (vs. 12) and Jesus’ teaching not to judge in Matt. 7:1?
10. At what point does the church “*expel the wicked person from among you*”?
11. How does Matt. 18:15-20, inform us? How do passages like Gal. 6:1-2; Col. 3:13-14; Matt. 18:21-35 also inform us?
12. What do you walk away with in this passage about church discipline?

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