

## 1 Corinthians 5

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1. Review 1 Corinthians 5:1-2. What common sins in the Church might we often allow to continue unchallenged? Do we mourn over these sins? If not, how might our indifference toward them impact the Church, the gospel, and the glory of God? Consider Matthew 5:13-16 and 1 Peter 2:9-12. According to these verses, why is it crucial that we seek to be holy as a body of believers?
2. Wayne Grudem writes, "Sin is directly opposite to all that is good in God's character, and just as God necessarily and eternally delights in Himself and in all that He is, so God necessarily and eternally hates sin. It is, in essence, the contradiction of the excellence of His moral character. Because sin contradicts God's holiness, He must hate it."<sup>1</sup> (see Psalm 5:4-6) If this is God's disposition towards sin, how should we view sin in our lives?
3. What might indifference towards the sin in our life say about what we believe about God? How might this indifference impact our relationship with God? How might it impact our relationship with others?
4. Read Matthew 18:15-17. What discourages us from following the instructions in this passage to address a brother or sister who is in sin? Read 2 Corinthians 7:9-10. What might be gained when we carry out these instructions with the love and heart of Jesus?
5. Counter-cultural care in the Church is intended for the salvation of the brother or sister in sin, the Church's good, and God's glory. Read Galatians 6:1-2 and Ephesians 4:25-32. What might it look like to lovingly restore someone who confesses their sin and seeks to honor the Lord with their life? Has another person ever cared for you well by helping you recognize unrepentant sin in your life? What was most helpful/unhelpful about how that person approached you?
6. If someone approached you about sin they perceived in your life, how do you think you would respond to them? How would a humble and godly response look if a) you were in sin, and b) you were not in sin?
7. 1 Corinthians 5:5 tells us that the Church's counter-cultural care is designed for the salvation and restoration of the wayward brother or sister. When it comes to giving and receiving forgiveness from others, where do you have room to grow? Where have you seen this modeled well in the past?
8. Is there someone in your church community that you might need to approach regarding unrepentant sin in their life? Without using that individual's name or disclosing specifics, how can your group members support you as you seek to call this individual to repentance?
9. What area(s) of unrepentant sin in your life do you need to confess and repent of? NOTE: Consider dividing group members into gender-specific groups of 2-3 people to encourage openness and honesty in the discussions. Allow sufficient space and time for sharing and praying for one another.
10. Who might you invite to attend a church service with you on Easter Sunday? Share the individual(s) you are praying to invite so the group can pray for them also.

<sup>1</sup>Wayne Gruden, Bible Doctrine (Zondervan, 1999), Pg. 211