



1 Corinthians 5

“The Grace of Discipline”

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

The church at Corinth was deeply infested with sexual sin that manifested itself in a prideful arrogance and full blown defilement. In 1 Corinthians 5, Paul is calling the church back into grace centered discipline. By attacking sin intentionally, the church becomes accountable to God and to one another.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

1. How does our sin cause us to be “puffed up” or “arrogant?” What sin in your life have you become or are tempted to become calloused to? How does the tolerance of “micro-sins” lead us into more death and destruction?
2. Does your approach to sin look like God’s approach to dealing with sin? Why is it so tempting for us to manage our personal sin alone? Why must we engage and mourn sin together?
3. Church discipline is a gracious process to call people back into a relationship with Christ. Explain what healthy church discipline looks like. When is it right to discipline someone? What is the result of it? How has God called you to step into the “gap” for someone dealing with sin? Give a specific example.
4. Gospel accountability demands more than whistleblowing or passive judgement. Why does doing life in accountability cause pain and suffering? How can we help each other accept discipline? How do we grow in this as a community group?
5. The point of discipline as a follower of Christ is not to do better, but to remember who we actually are in Christ. Share an example of God calling you into to repentance. How does our identity in Christ transform our worship? Why does this encourage growth throughout the body of Christ?

PRAYER

Spend some time in active accountability this week. Pray about how you will continue to grow into gospel centered discipline as a Community Group.