



Growth Group Discussion Guide

"Growing Upward, Inward, Outward, and Forward"

For the Week of March 6, 2016



1 Corinthians 5

Dealing With a Case of Incest

1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man is sleeping with his father's wife. 2 And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have gone into mourning and have put out of your fellowship the man who has been doing this? 3 For my part, even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. As one who is present with you in this way, I have already passed judgment in the name of our Lord Jesus on the one who has been doing this. 4 So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, 5 hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.

6 Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? 7 Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— 10 not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. 11 But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or

Sermon Outline

- In chapter 5 Paul continues to warn the church regarding their lack of health and obedience which could lead to their ruin. He has dealt with their division and idolatry of worldly wisdom, now he addresses their arrogance and lack of submission to biblical authority.
- Paul talks about church discipline in this chapter as the church needed to enforce it – particularly with regard to one specific situation of a man sleeping with his stepmother.
- This chapter also teaches us about judging others (both non-Christians and Christians).

WELCOME – Getting to Know Each Other Better

- If you have siblings, where do you fall in the birth order? Does your personality fit the stereotypical traits?
- What are you really good at?

WORD - Applying Scripture to Our Lives

1. What sins have we (today's church) become comfortable with? Why do you think this is?
2. How do you think the Corinthian church rationalized their pride with regard to the situation in verse 1?
3. What did Paul mean by telling them to hand the man over to Satan? What was the purpose of this?
4. Why is church discipline important?
5. Why is church discipline hard to practice?
6. Why is it dangerous for us to bring our sins from the past into our new life in Christ?
7. According to Paul in this chapter and Matthew 18, how are we to judge others?

greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people. 12 What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? 13 God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked person from among you."

8. According to 1 Cor. 5:12 who are we NOT supposed to judge?
9. How can we, as a Growth group, hold one another accountable and help to preserve the righteousness of the church as a whole?

WITNESS - Prayer Concerns from my Growth Group:

- Who has God placed in your life who does not know Christ?
- How can we pray for your spiritual growth tonight?
- What other prayer concerns do you have?