**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday, while diving deeper into God's word.**

***CONNECT***

*What relationships are most important to you?*

***DIGGING DEEPER***

**Read 1 Corinthians 5.**

* Summarize what you read. What did Paul hear was happening in the church? How were the people responding? What should they be doing?

Sin is a big deal. That’s why the Bible gives us a number of guidelines for dealing with sin in our own lives and in the lives of those around us. Read the following verses and identify when we’re supposed to get involved in the lives of others, and the manner in which we are to do so. *Matthew 18:15, Matthew 5:23-24, Galatians 6:1-5.*

*This isn’t the only time Paul has used the imagery of yeast in comparison to sin (Galatians 5:9). Unchecked, sin will take over the host (the church). The man’s sin was a single serious infection, but the church’s lack of discipline was a complete failure of the immune system. Sin that no one deals with becomes sin that everyone will have to deal with.*

* How does Paul refer to Christ in 1 Corinthians 5:7?
* Paul is referring to the exodus. We pick up the story as Moses is speaking to God’s people (who are slaves in Egypt) about how God is going to rescue them. Read Exodus 12:17-28.  
  + What did the blood of the Passover lamb achieve for God’s people in Egypt?
  + In the feast at which God’s people showed thanks for the exodus, yeast was significant. Why? (v17-20)

* + How should Christians, for whom Christ died, show they are part of His people today? (1 Corinthians 5:8)
* Sin is related to yeast. What is God’s love compared to? Read Matthew 5**:**13-16. In what ways do you live out this scripture?

***DISCUSS***

* The church is often tempted to judge the world, while refusing to judge itself. Why do you think this is?

* Are there any sins that you have cultivated an indifference to? What steps is God asking you to take?
* Was there anything for this week’s guided reading of the bible that connected to this study?

**180-Day Guided Tour of the Bible**

**Reading Plan for Week of May 20th**

**Day 156 –** Romans 7: Limits of the Law

**Day 157 –** Romans 8: Spirit Life

**Day 158 –** Romans 12: Down to Earth Problems

**Day 159 –** Acts 26: Unexpected Passage

**Day 160 –** Acts 27: Perfect Storm

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Messy Christianity | 1 Corinthians 5

“SEX & CHURCH DISCIPLINE IN OUR MESSY WORLD”

Wave Church SD | May 20, 2018

SEXUAL IMMORALITY HAPPENS IN EVERY CHURCH.

GOD HAS CALLED THE CHURCH TO HELP

THOSE CAUGHT IN ITS GRIPS.

**HOW TO RESPOND TO SIN IN THE CHURCH:**

**1 Corinthians 5:1-2 (ESV)** *1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father’s wife. 2And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to*

*mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.*

* SEXUAL IMMORALITY SHOULD BREAK OUR HEARTS.
* REFUSE TO IGNORE THE ISSUE.

**1 Corinthians 5:3 (ESV)** *3For though absent in body, I am present in spirit;   
and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did   
such a thing.*

* CALL A SIN A SIN.

**1 Corinthians 5:4-5 (ESV)** *4When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, 5you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.*

**WHEN IS THERE A CASE FOR CHURCH DISCIPLINE?**

* THE SIN IS CONCERNING A FOLLOWER OF JESUS | VS.11-13
* THE SIN IS PUBLIC WITHIN A CHURCH FAMILY | VS.1
* THE SINNER IS UNREPENTANT | VS.1

**THE PURPOSE OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE IS ALWAYS**

**RESTORATION, NOT PUNISHMENT.**

**WHY UNREPENTANT SIN CAN’T BE IGNORED:**

* IT’S UNLOVING TO THE PERSON CAUGHT IN SIN.
* GOD CAN USE SATAN TO SANCTIFY.

**1 Corinthians 5:6-7 (ESV)** *6Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened.*

* IT DESTROYS THE HEALTH OF THE CHURCH.

**1 Corinthians 5:7-8 (ESV)** *7**For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

* IT ROBS THE CHURCH OF A MODEL OF HOW TO REPENT OF SIN.

**1 Corinthians 5:9-13 (ESV)** *9I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— 10not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. 11But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. 12For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? 13God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”*

**WHEN IT COMES TO OUR WORLD:**

* WE ARE TO NEVER JUDGE NON-CHRISTIANS BY CHRISTIAN STANDARDS.
* OUR JOB IS TO INFILTRATE, NOT ISOLATE.
* CHURCH DISCIPLINE APPLIES TO THE CHURCH, NOT YOUR FAMILY.