



“Let’s Take Sin Seriously”
I Corinthians 5:1-8
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Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. What forms of discipline have you experienced in your life? Parent/child? Employment? Education? Church?

QUICK REVIEW

The city of Corinth was a place of wealth, pleasure and worldly wisdom. The Corinthian church came to be characterized by arrogance, even with the ongoing practice of sexual sin in their midst. In this portion of the book, Paul addresses a notorious situation that required church discipline. As we read how he dealt with the matter, we see two reasons why churches must practice such discipline through the ages.

Read I Corinthians 5:1-8

Church members living in sin should be disciplined for:

1. The overall good of the _____ (5:3-5)
2. The overall good of the _____ (5:6-8)

Was any point in this weekend’s message or portion of Scripture particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Some Christians think that church discipline should happen with much more frequency than it does. Others think the practice is too invasive and even cult-like. What's your inward reaction/response to the idea of church discipline? How can your heart be harmonized with the heart of God on this matter?
2. How did Jesus define the process of church discipline in Matthew 18:15-20? Outline each step of the process in your own words.
3. Read the Bethel Grace Baptist Church Bylaws, Article 1, Sections 3 & 4. (The church bylaws are found under "resources" on bethelgrace.org.) These sections deal with church membership and discipline. Who is responsible to guide the process of public discipline and even excommunication (removal from membership)? How can you help and support this process should it ever arise?
4. In what ways can sin spread through a church if sin is not dealt with? How is a church strengthened when it is addressed?
5. What benefits come to a come into a believer's life when the practice of sin is challenged. When consequences may come if it's left unchecked?
6. Read Galatians 6:1-4. With what demeanor should discipline be practiced? For what purpose?