

One: Unity Through Church Discipline
1 Corinthians 5
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I. Unrepentant sin can _____ a church.

II. Method for _____.

A. Dealing with a church _____.

B. _____ and _____.

C. The Biblical process is _____ and _____.

Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” (ESV)

1. Meet _____ on _____ with the person and discuss the issue.

2. Sit down with a _____.

3. Seek out _____.

4. Remove from _____.

III. _____ for church discipline.

A. Sin can _____ the entire church.

B. _____ the testimony of Jesus Christ.

IV. _____ of discipline.

Matthew 7:1-2

“Judge not, that you be not judged. ²For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. (ESV)

Hebrews 3:12-14

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. (ESV)

This Week's Songs:

*Our God Reigns
Bound For Glory
Christ Is Risen
Great I Am*

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Small Group Questions

*You do NOT have to answer or discuss every question. Feel free to just pick a few. These are meant to guide you in truth. If you are having trouble answering a question, ask your small group leader to help you. They are committed to helping you develop as an authentic follower of Christ.

The COMMUNITY:

1. What's your favorite thing to celebrate and how do you like to celebrate it?

Into the WORD/APPLICATION:

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: blueletterbible.org, desiringgod.org/articles/all, biblos.com, ccel.org, logos.com, connect.ligonier.org, thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-5 –

- a. How does Paul instruct the church to deal with open unrepentant sin within the body?

- b. What is meant by verse 5, “the destruction of his flesh”?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 –

- a. Why is Paul using the analogy of leaven to describe who we are in Christ?

- b. What does Paul tell us to celebrate?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 5:9-13 –

- a. What does Paul teach us regarding interacting with and judging unbelievers (those outside of the church)?