

Is That Love?
Core Group Discussion Guide
October 15, 2017

Message Overview:

This morning's message is a difficult word. By nature we don't like accountability. "Don't judge me!" On top of that, we are a people seeking to be known for the grace we show each other. And yet, Paul insists that a healthy church cannot tolerate blatant and unrepentant sin. In fact, he says "don't associate or even eat with someone who does these things and claims to be a Christian. This morning's message will seek to help us understand what healthy church discipline looks like. Be prepared for some interesting discussion afterwards!

Text:

- I Corinthians 5

Questions for Discussion:

1. What is your gut level reaction to the message this morning?
2. What are we told happens to a church when blatant sin like the one Paul addresses in verses 1 thru 5 to go unchecked?
3. In verse 5 of chapter 4, Paul urges believers not to make judgments about people. In verse 12 of chapter 4, Paul says believers are to judge those inside the church who are sinning. Is Paul contradicting himself? Why or why not? When is it scriptural to judge and why?
4. What five things did Paul command the Corinthian church to do in relationship to the fornicator that was called a brother? (5,7,9,11,13)
5. In what way has the study of this chapter affected how you view the church?
6. If we did deal with sin correctly how might our church impact society?
7. How will you internalize this lesson? What will you take away from this chapter that will allow you to walk in a closer relationship with Christ and have greater power in your ministry?