

Church >in< Community | 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of October 6th, 2024

OVERVIEW

In 1 Corinthians 5, Paul addresses a case of sexual immorality within the church and emphasizes the need for church discipline to maintain purity within the body of believers. He warns that unchecked sin can spread like leaven and affect the entire church, highlighting the need for discipline, holiness, and restoration.

OHANA TIME!

Icebreaker: If you could time travel to any historical period, when would it be and why? **Or** If you could have any animal as a pet, what would it be?

Activity: Open your home to your Ohana Group!

PRAYER

Pray as a group: Pray that the church may be a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle, or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

QUESTIONS: 1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-13

1. What problem is Paul now addressing in chapter 5?
2. Why does Paul take such a strong stance against the immoral behavior in the church?
3. What does it mean to “boast” about tolerance in this context, and how can we avoid falling into this trap in modern church culture?
4. What does Paul mean by "a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough," and how does this apply to the influence of unchecked sin in the church?
5. What steps can we take as a church to lovingly confront and restore those who have fallen into sin?
6. How does Paul’s instruction to “expel the immoral brother” challenge our understanding of church discipline?
7. What roles do accountability and transparency play in maintaining a healthy, holy community of faith, and how can we encourage these values?
8. What does this passage teach us about the balance between grace and discipline in the church?

APPLICATION

1. How can you personally contribute to fostering a culture of transparency and accountability in your church community?
2. What steps can you take to lovingly confront sin in a way that leads to repentance and restoration? In what ways can you ensure that your tolerance for others doesn’t lead to compromising biblical principles of faith?

