

God's Beautiful Messy Church
Week's Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:1-13
Discussion Guide: April 10, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power. - 1 Corinthians 1:20

What is one way you lived out your faith this past week? (walked the walk)

OPEN:

- What stood out from this past week's reading?

READ and ASK: 1 Corinthians 5:1-13, Matthew 18:15-17

- Having read the text, what do you find most challenging/baffling about this text? Why?
- How are these two passages connected? How are they addressing the same thing?
 - o In what way are they addressing something different? (*note that Paul spends little time addressing the sin, he spends more time addressing the church in 1 Corinthians 5*).
- Who is Paul really rebuking in this passage and why?
 - o What should our posture be when it comes to sin among the church?
- What is the difference between someone caught in a sinful act (or even confesses an egregious sin) and the man in this passage? (*note the churches apparent unrepentant attitude*)
- At what point would/should you stop associating with another believer who continues to do wrong? Where does grace come into play?
 - o When do we use grace as an excuse to not address real issues in the church?
 - o From what harm could a church protect itself by expelling an immoral member? What harm could the church be protecting the immoral member from by expelling the immoral member?

- How should a church (and/or individual) react to egregious sin by a stubborn church member? (Matthew 18)
 - o How well and often do you think Matthew 18 is practiced? Explain.
- How do you respond to the clear teaching of Paul that we are to make judgments at times within the church, but never outside the church?
 - o How well do most Christians do at this?

APPLY:

- What personal challenge does this text make to you?
- NEXT STEP: What habits can you cultivate to prevent yourself from becoming callous to your sin and the sins of other people?

Memory Work:

If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. - Matthew 18:15

Next Week's Reading:

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