

Sermon Summary

Dysfunction happens not only in the home, but also in workplaces, and even churches! Paul combats a major situation that has been made public in the church of Corinth. Sexual immorality is being praised rather than condemned, and so Paul gives his defense as to why the people of God should put a stop to sin rather than entertain it.

Key Passage: 1 Corinthians 5

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

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What was it about the situation (beyond the obvious) that bothered Paul?

Who should judge believers when they engage in gross immorality? What should be the goal of church discipline?

Why did Paul write about leaven and how the Passover feast and Christ fit into that? In other words, how did Paul go from the problem of immorality to the idea of Passover?

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What standards does Paul give for relating to those inside the church-family compared to those outside the church? Why the difference?

From chapter 4:5-6, what did Paul want the Corinthian church members to learn about church leaders and church members and what their attitudes towards each other should be?

How does this chapter relate to the first four chapters of 1 Corinthians? How does it further Paul's argument? What underlying ideas connect the material?