



## Remove The Unrepentant Professing Believer!

1 Corinthians 5:9-13 (LSB)

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9 I wrote you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people; 10 I *did* not at all *mean* with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the greedy and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world. 11 But now I am writing to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is a sexually immoral person, or greedy, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one. 12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Are you not to judge those who are within *the church*? 13 But those who are outside, God will judge. REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES.

### Discussion Group Questions:

#### 1. Who You Shouldn't Associate With.

- Who should you not associate with and why?
- What does church discipline show the offender and the world about God and his view of sin? What are the ramifications if sin is tolerated in the church?
- Who is the so called brother that Paul mentions in verse 11? What is a so called brother in the church?
- What is the difference between the so called brother under discipline and a true believer sinning?
  - One repents of his sin while the other's life is a pattern of sin with no true repentance.
  - John 15:1-8

#### 2. Who You Should Associate With

- a. Why is it impossible to not encounter unbelievers? What is your mission field?
  - i. Work place, home, neighborhood, etc.
- b. What are some of the challenges you face when going into that mission field? And what are some practical ways to help you face those challenges?
- c. It is easy to be spiritual and talk freely about the gospel when at church and with other believers. But practically what does it look like to not compromise your witness and faith while in the world (work, friends gathering with unbelievers, holidays with unbelieving family)?
- d. How should we expect unbelievers to live?
- e. How should we expect church members to behave? Do we require perfection?



- f. Who judges those outside of the church?
    - i. Why is it God's job to do that and not ours?
- 3. How You Should Respond To The So Called Brother Living In Sin.**
- a. What does Paul mean when he says that we should not even eat with such a one (those living in unrepentant sin). And what does this practically look like?
    - i. withdraw from them in any social setting that implied acceptance.
  - b. Church Discipline is painful and hard. How can we take encouragement and guidance from Proverbs 27:6 when confronting a brother or sister on their sin?
    - i. Proverbs 27:6 - Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.