



# CLEANSE THE OLD LUMP FROM THE CHURCH

## Discussion Group Leader Handout

Text: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

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### **1 Corinthians 5:6–8 (NASB95)**

**6** *Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough?*

**7** *Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.*

**8** *Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

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## Questions

### **1. Sinful pride tolerates sinfulness in the church**

- i. What sin are you tolerating in your own life?
- ii. How can a sin, whether minute or great, affect the local body of Christ?
- iii. Are you actively examining your own heart to prove you are in the faith?
  - i. How do you do that on a daily, weekly, monthly basis?
  - ii. What have you discovered about your heart condition in doing so?

### **2. Sinful pride allows infection in the church**

- i. Why is cancer so bad? (***For the facilitator- This is relating to the spiritual condition of some in the church***)
  - i. How do you deal with a cancerous event?
  - ii. How are you to stop the infection from spreading?
- ii. Like leaven, how have you seen sin infect the church?
  - i. What was done about it and what was the outcome?
- iii. Why is it important for believers to hold one another accountable according to God's Word, not man's Word?
  - i. What are some pitfalls between the 2 above?

### **3. Sinful pride disciplined results in celebration of Christ**

- i. Do you like to be disciplined?
- ii. What does and/or should discipline produce? (Joy and trust)
- iii. What have you brought into your new life in Christ that needs to be cleaned out like the old leaven?
- iv. What areas of your life can you see malice or wickedness?
  - i. How are you to put those off?
- v. How can you strive for both sincerity and truth in your daily life?

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## **Prayer Requests**

- *Pray that the saints of Anchor Bible Church would endeavor to maintain purity within our church, through holding one another accountable, practicing church discipline, and celebrating Christ together, so that the Lord would be glorified and unbelievers saved through the example of Anchor Bible Church.*