

Small Group Study

Growing Toward Maturity

From the sermon series, "Living a Christ-Centered Life"



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SCRIPTURE

Have volunteers read the following scriptures:

1 Corinthians 5:1-13 and 6:12-20

QUESTIONS

Please feel free to adjust this study to fit your group's needs and to listen to the direction of the Holy Spirit. It is not necessary to use all of the questions.

1. How would you characterize our culture's view of sexuality? Are there other cultures that you are familiar with that have a different view?
2. Why would Paul react so strongly about the immoral brother in the Corinthian church? What does he tell them to do?
3. How could handing "this man over to Satan" (v. 5:5) actually be for his own good?

Icebreakers

Use the questions below to help people open up and to focus your meeting. It is very helpful to go around in a circle with the leader going first. (Remember if you have new members or guests you should take time to introduce everyone.)

1. How did your parents, talk to you about sex growing up? Openly? Only negatively? Not at all?
2. In the past, what is the best thing you've done for your health?
3. What is one person in your life that, for your own good, you've chosen not to associate with?



4. From the yeast imagery (vv. 5:6-8), what is Paul's concern if this situation is allowed to go on without discipline?
5. What standards does Paul give for relating to those outside the church versus those inside the church? Why the difference?
6. What happens when a church is more concerned with judging those outside the church than evaluating their own behavior and motives?
7. Are you more lenient and tolerant of Christians or non-Christians and why? Do you need to change your attitude?
8. Look at verse 6:19. What does it mean that "your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit?"
9. How well have you been caring for the temple? What repairs need to be made?
10. How do you feel about the statement: "You are not your own; you were bought at a price" (vv. 6:19-20)?

God bless,

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