

Sin in the Church

True compassion does not ignore sin; it confronts it with redemptive love to heal the community and restore the individual.

Day 1 Afternoon

Read “It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you... And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned...” (1 Corinthians 5:1-2, NKJV)

Think About

- Why would a community feel proud instead of mourning over sin?
- How does tolerating destructive behavior affect the church's witness?

Notice

- The public nature of the sin: _____
- The church's reaction: _____
- The missing reaction: _____

Apply In what area of my life is there a gap between what I know is right and what I actually do?

Day 2

Read “To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.” (1 Corinthians 5:5, NKJV)

Think About

- How does the ultimate goal of saving the spirit change how we view discipline?
- What is the difference between redemptive discipline and punishment?

Notice

- The severe action taken: _____
- The ultimate goal: _____
- What this shows about true love: _____

Apply Who can I pray for today that is currently walking on a destructive path?

Day 3

Read “Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven... For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us...” (1 Corinthians 5:6-7, NKJV)

Think About

- Why is yeast a fitting illustration for hidden sin in a community?
- How does Christ's sacrifice motivate us to live with sincerity?

Notice

- A principle of nature: _____
- The command given: _____
- What this shows about Jesus: _____

Apply What “hidden heaven” of compromise or malice do I need the Holy Spirit to purge from my heart today?

Day 4

Read “But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers... Why do ye not rather take wrong?” (1 Corinthians 6:6-7, NKJV)

Think About

- Why is taking a fellow believer to secular court so damaging to the gospel?
- What does it take to willingly accept being wronged?

Notice

- The core issue: _____
- The radical question asked: _____
- What this shows about Christian priorities: _____

Apply What minor offense or demand for my “rights” do I need to let go of today?

Day 5

Read “And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus...” (1 Corinthians 6:11, NKJV)

Think About

- How does the word “were” change how we view our past?
- What is the difference between being washed, sanctified, and justified?

Notice

- The critical past-tense word: _____
- Three transformative actions: _____
- What this shows about our new identity: _____

Apply How does knowing I am “washed and justified” change how I view my past mistakes?

Day 6

Read “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost... For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body...” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, NKJV)

Think About

- How does the idea of a “temple” elevate the importance of our physical bodies?
- What does being “bought with a price” mean for how we live?

Notice

- A profound metaphor: _____
- The reason for God's ownership: _____
- What this shows about Jesus' sacrifice: _____

Apply What is one physical choice I can make today to honor my body as God's temple?

Day 7 Reflection

This week I discovered:

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A truth about Jesus I want to remember:

One step I will take this week:

Prayer: