



# ONE BODY

sermon series: jan 15-feb 19

## Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-13.
2. What are your initial thoughts about church discipline? What questions does it bring up for you? Why do you think it is important?
3. In verses 3-5, Paul tells the Corinthian church that they should put the sinning man out of fellowship in the church. How does the language of these verses compare to the language in Matthew 18:15-20? What are some of the common ideas?
4. In verse 5, Paul tells them to “hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.” What do you think he means by this? First Peter 1:6-7 seems to be about something similar happening to believers - do these verses shed any light on 1 Corinthians 5:5?
5. On Sunday, Steve said that we should practice church discipline because we love the person who is sinning. How does 1 Corinthians 5:5 speak to that? What is the purpose of church discipline (Galatians 6:1)?
6. Verses 6-8 reference the Passover (Exodus 12) as an illustration. What is the illustration?
7. On Sunday, Steve said that we should practice church discipline because we love the church. How do these verses speak to that? What’s at stake if we don’t deal with sin?
8. Steve also said that we should practice church discipline because we love Jesus. How do these verses speak to that? Why does Christ being our Passover lamb motivate us to deal with sin?
9. Our society likes to say that we shouldn’t judge each other. But what do verses 9-13 say? Who should we judge? Who should we not judge? Why?
10. In Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus lays out the correct method of practicing church discipline. What is that method?

11. Have you done a good job following this when you have seen someone in the church sinning? What are some ways we get this wrong?
12. Will you commit to lovingly confront sin in this way from now on? Will you commit to receiving correction well?
13. Matthew 18:17 says that if the person refuses to repent, even after the whole church confronts them to “treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector” (as an unbeliever). First Corinthians 5:9, 11 tell us not to associate with them, not even to eat with them. Practically, what would this look like?
14. Spend some time praying together that God will help the members of our church to turn from sin and live holy lives. Pray that we would take sin seriously and lovingly confront each other when we need to. Pray for those who have walked away from Christ because of their sin.