

STUDYING THE BOOK OF 1 CORINTHIANS
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 8 - Expel the Immoral Brother! - [1 Corinthians 5:1-13](#)

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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1CO 5:1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that does not occur even among pagans: A man has his father's wife. [2] And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have been filled with grief and have put out of your fellowship the man who did this? [3] Even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. And I have already passed judgment on the one who did this, just as if I were present. [4] When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, [5] hand this man over to Satan, so that the sinful nature* may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord.

1CO 5:6 Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? [7] Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast--as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. [8] Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.

1CO 5:9 I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people-- [10] not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. [11] But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat.

1CO 5:12 What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? [13] God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked man from among you."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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84. Why did the Corinthians tolerate immorality in their church? ([5:2](#))
85. What disciplinary action should the Corinthians have taken? ([5:2](#))
86. Under what conditions was the Corinthian church to expel their immoral member? Why? ([5:4-5](#))

87. Why was it necessary for the Corinthian church to expel a man from their congregation? ([5:5-6](#))
88. To what boasting did Paul refer? ([5:6](#))
89. What should Christians be like? How? ([5:7](#))
90. Why was it necessary to expel an immoral Christian from his or her church? ([5:7-13](#))
91. To what festival did Paul refer? Why? ([5:7-8](#))
92. How should we "keep the Festival"? ([5:8](#))
93. What kind of distinction do we need to make in dealing with immoral people? ([5:9-13](#))
94. For what reasons were the Corinthians to expel a professing Christian? ([5:11](#))
95. Why is it unnecessary for Christians to judge non-Christians? ([5:12-13](#))
96. What is difficult and complicated about disciplining a sinning Christian?
97. What does it mean to "hand someone over to Satan"?
98. What warnings should careless Christians take to heart?