

## For the Next Lesson: 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

- 1. Read verses 1-5.** What was the situation in the Corinthian church Paul was addressing, and how did he know about it? How were the Corinthians responding to the situation, and what did Paul accuse them of? What were Paul's instructions and attitude toward this situation? According to verses 4-5, how were the Corinthians supposed to carry out these instructions, and what was the goal/purpose? How were the Corinthians being arrogant in their attitude toward this situation? Do you think Paul's attitude and instructions seem appropriate given the sin that was being tolerated? Why or why not?
- 2. Read verses 6-8.** What does "leaven" and "old leaven" represent in these verses? Why do you think Paul makes the statement "Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" in the midst of this illustration? How would you summarize the overall point Paul is making in these three verses? Why is this important for us to remember as a church today?
- 3. Read verses 9-13.** What point of clarification is Paul making in verses 9-11? Who are we to associate with and not associate with? According to verse 11, how would you explain to a friend who we are NOT to associate with? Who does this list in verse 11 represent? Restate verses 12-13 in your own words.
- 4. So what.** After studying this passage, what are your impressions of God's perspective on sin and immorality within the church? Therefore, how should we treat our personal sin and also unrepentant sin within the church? How can we be a church family who readily expresses grace and love to each other while still addressing unrepentant sin? How is confronting unrepentant sin an expression of love (giving yourself for the good of someone else)? What sticks out to you from your study and discussion of this passage? What is one principle from this passage that applies to your personal life and to the life of our church?