

Living by the
WISDOM of
the **CROSS**
1 Corinthians

Complete these question **BEFORE** your Growth Group meets and then use your answers in discussion.

1 Corinthians 5
How to exclude people

TO PONDER:

“What you do in private is your business” Agree/disagree? Discuss.

Pray and read 1 Corinthians 5:1-5

What are the various issues that Paul reacts to?

Paul urges strong action:

a) What are the necessary conditions/requirements? (v. 4)

b) What are the future hopes of this action? (v. 5)

c) What is the action itself and what might it look like in practice? (v. 5)

Read 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Discuss and unpack the biblical concepts that Paul uses to back up his call to strong action (cf. Ex 12:14-23)

Read 1 Corinthians 5:9-13

Paul draws out the principle of “not associating” with sexually immoral people:

a) Who does he not mean? Why? (v. 10)

b) Who does he mean? Why? (vv. 11-13)

Develop a modern scenario that encapsulates a comparable situation to 1 Corinthians 5. How might we respond as a church? What biblical principles might guide us?

Dwell on your response to 1 Corinthians 5:

a) What biblical principles have been discovered or renewed?

b) What practical actions can you personally apply? (cf. Lk 17:1-4)

Spend some time praying in response to God’s Word. Thank God for Christ, our Passover Lamb, and pray that we would take sin very seriously as individuals and as a church.