

DIRTY CHURCH

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

Dealing with Proud and Persistently Sinful Brothers and Sisters

1. Why do you think the Bible so often corrects and reproves the way we see and live in this world? What kinds of things cause us to think so differently than the Scriptures do?

2. Do you think the Christian Church is too concerned about sexual sin or not concerned enough? What kinds of sexual sins do we “mourn” and which ones do we give a “pass” to? Why the difference?

3. In what ways do we squish together our Christian faith with ideas that are contrary to Scripture to come up with a new, odd way of thinking and living? How do we do this with money and Christianity? How about our politics and Christianity? What about our sexuality and Christianity?

4. Have you ever seen church discipline done well? What happened? What are the aspects of it being done well? Have you ever seen it done poorly? What happened? In what ways can discipline go badly?

5. Why do you think we hesitate to discipline church members who continue in unrepentant sin? What kind of thinking would we have to have in order to be more consistent in church discipline? What kinds of issues should we be disciplining our brothers and sisters over? Every kind of sin or just certain ones?

6. Why do we judge people outside the church? In what ways do we do it? How should Christians handle someone who professes faith in Christ, but continues in unrepentant sin versus someone who professes no faith in Christ, but is guilty of the same sin?

7. Do you believe that God has given you brothers and sisters and leaders in a local church to help you continue in the faith to the very end? Why or why not?

Additional passages cited in the sermon...2 Timothy 3:16-17. James 4:4. Matthew 18:15-20. 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15. Hebrews 3:12-14.