

TAKING IT HOME

1. Read **2 Corinthians 2:5-11**. Though we don't know for sure, some have guessed that Paul is writing about here about the same man he was confronting in **1 Corinthians 5**. What do you notice about how the church should respond to the man's repentance?

Is there a situation in your life that needs to be addressed? How can you do that with the grace that Paul exhibits, while not minimizing the seriousness of the sin?

SIN IN THE CAMP

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

"What do you prefer? Shall I come to you with a whip, or in love and with a gentle spirit?" 1 Corinthians 4:21

THE FIRST TEST CASE

1 Corinthians 5:1-3

UNDERSTANDING CHURCH DISCIPLINE

1 Corinthians 5:4-8

HOW GOD GIVES US TWO STANDARDS OF JUDGMENT

1 Corinthians 5:9-13

Growth Group Homework

For the Week of November 27, 2011

QUICK REVIEW: Look back at your notes from this Sunday's teaching. Was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you or raised a question?

MY STORY

1. Was there ever a time when your parent disciplined you and now, looking back, you see that it was done out of love?
2. How does it make you feel knowing that God might provide people in your life to show you how a sinful action of yours affects others?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Some Christians think that sin is not that big of a deal because we are already forgiven. How does **Galatians 6:7-10** help us stay away from this kind of thinking?

Do you ever "tire of doing good?" If so, explain.

2. This week we talked about the difference between unrepentant sin and sin in which we feel deeply grieved. For an example of this, read about

Isaiah's vision in **Isaiah 6:1-7**. What do you notice about Isaiah's reaction to God's holiness?

What was it about Isaiah that made him react this way?

What did the seraph do (seraphs are 6-winged angels that stand in the presence of God)? What hope does this give you?

What would happen if you had a similar reaction to sin as Isaiah did?

3. Sin is a big deal. That's why the Bible gives us many guidelines on how to deal with sin in our own lives and with those around us. Read **Matthew 18:15-20**. What is the method that Jesus recommends addressing sin in a fellow believer?

What about this method is effective?

What difference would it make in our church if we took the steps Jesus outlined seriously?