

Grace Fellowship Group Questions

1 Corinthians 5

1. In order to recognize unrepentant sin in one another we have to be part of each other's lives. What keeps us from this authentic and transparent community?

Busy schedules and prioritizing lots of other things ahead of Christian community. Maybe even fear of being truly known by others.

2. We have all said and heard, "But we are all sinners..." While this is true why is it harmful to minimize sin and how does ignoring taint the church?

We end up deceiving ourselves that we are not sinful and in need of saving. Living in unrepentant sin tarnishes our witness and potentially leads other believers into sin themselves.

3. Why would being kept from participating in the life of the church motivate someone to repentance?

When lived as it is meant, as a family, without it we feel something missing. We may feel the weight of betraying the trust of the community and desire to return and live what we have preached to ourselves.

4. Are we guilty of requiring a higher moral standard of those outside the church than inside? How do we correct that?

Yes. Uncovering sin and determining to lovingly correct each other and remain a faithful witness to those outside the church.

5. How can we love those lost in sin and apart from Christ while maintaining our witness?

Giving grace as we have been given it. Listening, getting to know people, not in approval of their life but just because they are our neighbors.