

1 Corinthians 5:9-13

⁹ I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— ¹⁰ not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. ¹¹ But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. ¹² For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? ¹³ God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”

Navigating in Love

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Paul is helping us navigate how the love of God we have received should pour out of us into the lives of others. While God's love should always be flowing out of us, the reality is, that it will look different depending upon where the people with whom we are interacting are on their spiritual journeys.

How do we express Jesus' love?

- **Christ-treasurers on the OST road with us**
- **Those claiming to treasure Christ living like non-Christ-treasurers**
- **Those yet to treasure Christ**

Notes:

Life Group Discussion Questions

Based on 1 Corinthians 5:9-13

Getting Started

1. During a typical week, who do you tend to spend the most time with (family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors, Christians, non-Christians, etc.)?
2. Of these various people you share your life with, describe how your relationship with them might look different based on where they are in their spiritual journey.
3. Do you have many relationships with non-believers? How does your relationship with them look different than those you have with genuine Christ-treasurers?

Digging into the Text

4. Read 1 Corinthians 5:9-13 and respond:
 - Based on vv. 9-10, what is Paul clarifying for the Corinthians?
 - What types of people are Christ-treasurers not supposed to associate with (vv. 11)? Why?
 - How should we relate differently to people inside and outside the family of faith? Who and how should we "judge" (vv. 12-13)?
 - Summarize the big idea of this passage.

Applying It to My Life

5. In thinking about the people in your sphere of influence, who comes to mind when you think about encouraging Christ-treasurers to pursue holy living and needs to leave a certain sin behind?
6. What is a step you can take this week to promote Jesus to this person (or to a non-believer who needs to hear of the grace and joy found in Jesus)?
7. How can the group be praying for you as we all seek to love others the way Jesus has loved us?