



## A Beautiful Mess - Discussion Questions

### *1 Corinthians 5:9-13*

Instructions: A life group is a spiritual family. It is a time of mutual discussion, invitation, and growth together alongside the Holy Spirit. It's good to begin with prayer and 1-2 ice breaker questions to prime the pump and get to know one another. Then, after reading the Scriptures, **pick the questions that are of most interest to your group**. Make sure to conclude with a couple of application questions to live out our mission together. Finish with some time to care for one another and pray together.

#### **Ice Breaker Question (pick 1-2 questions)**

1. In your experience, are Christians typically judgmental towards people outside the church? Explain.
2. How do people typically respond when being judged by "church people"?
3. What is a challenge you are facing right now?
4. What is one thought or idea from Sunday's message that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, warmed, warned, helped, or surprised you?

#### **Read and discuss 1 Corinthians 5:9-13**

1. Have someone summarize this passage in their own words.
2. What standards does Paul give for relating to those inside the church-family compared to those outside the church? Why the difference?
3. Does it change the way you understand Paul's harsh statements knowing that he was talking close friends in several small house-churches where everyone knew each other deeply? Explain.

#### **Read and discuss 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

1. In your own words, how would you describe our "ministry of reconciliation"?
2. What does it mean to be an ambassador to those who do not know Christ?
3. Give examples of how to live as an ambassador in your neighborhood.
4. What do you learn about God in this passage?

#### **Application**

1. How can you specifically live out this passage in the next few days? (Each person create an 'I Will' statement)
2. Is there a neighbor that God has brought to your mind that you need to intentionally reach out to? If you're comfortable, share the neighbor's first name so your group can pray for you.
3. How can you bless someone else as a result of this Scripture and discussion?
4. How can our group bless someone in response to this passage?

#### **Pray Together**