



A Beautiful Mess - Discussion Questions

1 Corinthians 5:1-8

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. What is a challenge you are facing right now?
2. Have you even seen a church split over scandal? How did it affect your faith?
3. 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 5:1-8

1. Have someone summarize this passage in their own words.
2. What could cause the church and the man committing incest to be so proud?
3. With all the issues that the church faced back then (and today), why is pride such a big issue that Paul said to remove the man from the church?
4. Don mentioned some cultural issues that played a big role in Paul's instruction to separate from the man. In our culture, how might scandals and pride like this be handled today?
5. Read vs. 5 again. What is the purpose of the discipline?
6. In vs.8, Paul is using a Passover metaphor to encourage them to live out their identity in Christ. In your opinion, what does this look like?

Application

1. How can you specifically live out this passage in the next few days? (Each person create an 'I Will' statement)
2. How can you bless someone else as a result of this Scripture and discussion?
3. How can our group bless someone in response to this passage?

Pray Together