

Church Discipline

Lesson 5 — Student Guide

Prepare for class: Read 1 Corinthians 5:5-13 and 2 Corinthians 2:5-11

Lesson Goal

The goal of this class is to lead students to understand the practice of dealing with sin in a congregation as we study the story of the “Immoral brother” in Corinth.

Think

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach us to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach us to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Discussion

13. Read Matthew 18:15-18. What is the four-step process that Jesus gives us for dealing with the sin of a brother?
14. What is the purpose of treating the sinner as an unbeliever?
15. Why might a church leader be tempted to ignore sin among church members?
16. What is the danger of ignoring sin?

Lesson wrap-up

How can we use this story as an example for confronting sin in our churches?