

# Women's Bible Study

## Study Questions for February 15, 2017

### Unity in Morality ~ Svea Merry 1 Corinthians 5 & 6

1. **1 Cor 5:1–2** Why do you think the Corinthian church turned a blind eye to a sin so grievous that even the pagans wouldn't tolerate it?
2. **1 Cor 5:3–5** The idea of handing someone over to Satan sounds (and is!) extreme, but what was Paul's purpose for doing so? Read Luke 15:11–32. How might this familiar parable shed light?
3. **1 Cor 5:6–8** From these verses, what do you think Paul wanted the Corinthians to understand about tolerating sin? Exodus 12 provides context for leaven and the Passover lamb if you want to dig deeper.
4. **1 Cor 5:9–13** What do these verses tell you about how to view sinful behavior in non-Christians versus Christians?
5. **1 Cor 6:1–8** The Corinthians used the courts to claim their rights at the expense of division amongst fellow believers. Jesus forfeited his legal rights and submitted to an unjust ruling (Mark 14:53–65), *but* Paul appealed to the legal system to claim his rights and establish his innocence (Acts 25). In view of all of this, what principles might help us as we consider the Christian's use of the legal system?
6. **1 Cor 6:9–11** What is the criteria for inheriting the Kingdom of God according to verse 11? In view of this, do the sins listed in verse 9–10 permanently disqualify someone from having a right relationship with God?
7. **1 Cor 6:12–20** Write down all that you learn about the body from these verses (ie. it's purpose, function, value, etc.)

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1. These chapters contain some shockingly bold verses such as Paul's advice to turn an immoral man over to Satan (5:5), an apparent list of sinners who won't inherit the kingdom of God (6:9), and the spiritual effect of inappropriate sex (6:15–17). What do you tend to do in your personal Bible reading when you come across challenging verses such as these?
  
2. Why is it important to not treat sin lightly or carelessly in our fellow Christians?
  
3. Read the principles for handling a sin problem with a fellow believer in Matthew 18:15–17 and contrast this with how scandals are often handled in society. If you were to become ensnared in a chronic sin, discovered by others, what would help you recover?
  
4. How hard would it be for you to overlook a personal injustice in favor of maintaining unity with a fellow believer? How would you discern when to pursue justice and when to fight for reconciliation? What do you think would matter more to you more in a year? In 10 years?
  
5. If you truly lived according to the principle that your body is God's dwelling place and you are its caretaker, how would you think and act about yourself?
  
6. After reflecting on these chapters, do you feel most challenged in regards to your attitude towards sin in the church, your attitude towards conflict with other believers, or your attitude towards your body as God's temple?