



WEEK SIX | DEALING WITH SIN

Nervous about this one? Well, don't be. Paul hits on a lot of things that this church is struggling with. Sin doesn't miraculously disappear when we become a Christian. The difference is we have a Savior to help and forgive us as we grow and become more like him. That is exactly what this new church is learning. They have an advocate along with Jesus. Paul is just one of their mentors and teachers. Let's dive in.

How does it feel to have a community of believers around you?

What are some disadvantages to "doing life" alone?

THE SITUATION

Paul is dealing with the mess of rewiring people who have always been committed to worldly living to becoming committed to living a higher purpose that is not of our world. As we know, this is a difficult transition.

Read 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

How have you seen tolerance of sin affect your own life?

How have you seen it affect a church, small group, or other similar situation?

TALK ABOUT IT

It's interesting that Paul interjects what seems like an oddly placed statement at the end of verse 7. "For Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed."

Why would he interject this reminder when talking about the dangers of tolerating sin?

When have you seen Christian or church discipline inconsistently or unfairly applied?

What is the danger of treating some sins harshly while overlooking or ignoring “minor” ones?

Why does Paul’s counsel to remove the sinner from their body seem harsh? Or does it?

APPLY IT

We will end here with another quote from Andy Stanley when talking about dealing with people and sin. **“They are a person to be loved, not a problem to be solved.”**

Talk about the roles of grace and restoration while disciplining sinful behavior.

PRAY

Start now and make this time an indispensable part of your group time. It can be at the beginning, end, or wherever but don’t overlook it. We have plenty to pray about.

- Pray together before you go home.
- Take requests, email them to the group, ask them to pray this week.