

# LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

## CRAFTED: 1 Corinthians

### #8 Living Insulated NOT Isolated Lives

What is the difference between living an insulated, not isolated, life in the world?

#### TRUTHS TO DISCOVER - Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

- \*What was happening in Corinth that deeply concerned Paul? Why? (vs. 1-2)
- \*What does Paul encourage the Corinthians to do? Why? (vs. 3-5)
- \*What would cause the Corinthians to 'Boast' (vs. 6) Paul's solution? (vs. 7-8)
- \*How had the Corinthians misunderstood what Paul had previous said (vs. 9-13)
- \*What kind of sins are mentioned as deserving of 'church discipline'? (vs. 11)

#### TRUTHS TO DISCUSS

##### 1. Keep short accounts with sin

- \*What sin are you having a hard time overcoming (see Heb. 12:1-2)? Why?
- \*How has rationalizing sin as 'not being so bad' caused negative things in you?

##### 2. Overlooking serious sin (or any sin) is not loving, but dangerous

- \*Why is overlooking sin 'out of love for that person' harmful to that person?
- \*What's the relationship between TRUTH (calling sin "sin") & LOVE (grace, understanding--not condoning sin as OK)? Why are BOTH important?

##### 3. There are times when serious sin must be confronted (church discipline)

- \*Read Matthew 18:15-35. What truths/principles is Jesus teaching here?
- \*Why is church discipline a good thing? What are some of the difficulties with church discipline today? What questions do you have about it?

##### 4. Confronting sin should always focus on repentance & restoration

- \*Why is it not a good thing for people to simply leave their church when confronted by their sin instead of possibly facing church discipline?
- \*Issues to consider for church discipline: 1) Person repentant? 2) Sin private or public? 3) Seriousness of the sin? 4) Person & sin represent the witness of the church community. Discuss the importance of these questions & how they apply to the application of church discipline.

##### 5. Church discipline is for the church (believers), not for the world

- \*Healthy churches discipline their members if necessary. Agree or disagree?
- \*Instead of seeing church discipline as a negative thing, why should it be seen as a positive reality in the local church?