



# DIGGING DEEPER

1 Corinthians 5v1-13 – Holiness

**PLEASE READ** – 1 Cor 5v1-13 and Matthew 18v15-17

## **GETTING STARTED (v1-2)**

Does the word 'discipline' stir up in you, positive emotions, negative emotions or a mixture of both?

Talk about the issue at hand in v1 and how it makes you feel?

How did the church in Corinth respond to the issue and how should they have responded?

When you go back and read Paul's introduction to the letter (1v1-2) does his pursuit of holiness in this chapter surprise you?

## **1) THE NEED FOR DISCIPLINE (v3)**

In what sense has Paul already passed judgement in v3?

How does the teaching of Paul line up with the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 18?

## 2) THE GOAL OF DISCIPLINE (v4-8)

Focus in on v4-8 and talk about the goal of discipline...

Is it possible to show love without discipline in a fallen world?

Why do holiness and purity matter to God? Discuss the picture of the church being the 'bride of Christ'...

Are holiness and purity high on your agenda?

## 3) THE SCOPE OF DISCIPLINE (v9-13)

What does holiness look like in terms of how we relate to the people of the world?

As a church do you think we need to listen more closely to what Paul says in v12-13?

Talk about what it might look like to put this teaching into practice today...

**Meditate on the verse below...**

***Hebrews 12v11:*** *No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.*