

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
1 Corinthians 5
Caring Enough to Confront

Getting Started

Explain the phrase *caring enough to confront*.

Digging In

1. **Read 1 Cor 5.** Write down your first impressions.
2. What was the primary problem in the church at Corinth? (v. 1)
3. What was the related problem? (vss. 2 and 6)
4. In what sense could the Corinthian believers have been *proud* in such a situation?
5. What **should** the believers have done? (v. 2)
6. How is this an act of love? (vss. 3-5)
7. **Read vss. 6-8.** Why was it so important for the church to deal decisively with this situation? What was at stake?
8. **Read vss. 9-11.** Should we avoid associating with immoral people who don't yet know Christ? Why or why not?
9. Write a paraphrase of v. 11.
10. Practically speaking, how do we apply v. 11 today?
11. When is judging biblical? (vss. 12-13)



Getting Personal

- Give an example of how tolerating sinful behavior can adversely affect others in the church.
- Why is it **not** really an act of love to tolerate immoral behavior in the lives of fellow Christians?
- How can a misguided understanding of love lead us to tolerate sinful behavior?
- How can it lead to spiritual pride?
- How can we obey the command of v. 13 to *judge those inside*, without becoming judgmental (Matt 7:1-2).