

Truth for the Troubled Church
1 Corinthians 5:1-2

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Using this passage, the sermon, and cross references (like 2 Cor. 12:21, Gal 5:19, 1 Thess. 4:3, etc.), what is your understanding of the biblical definition of immorality?
3. How does our secular culture determine its moral ethic?
4. What about sexual purity and/or immorality makes it uniquely important? See verses like Genesis 2:24, 1 Corinthians 6:18, and Colossians 3:5.
5. How do you think the man described in verse 1 would be treated at Valley Bible Church? How about in your Life Group, or by you personally?
6. What are potential warnings signs that a church has "become arrogant" (vs 2) towards sin?
7. Paul writes that mourning for this sin ought to have resulted in the sinner being "removed from your midst" (vs 2). When should the outcome of a believer's sin result in their separation from their church, and when should fellow believers extend grace and seek restoration?
8. What are the risks for a church that errs too far on the side of removing sin from their midst? What are the risks for a church that errs too far in allowing it to be present?
9. Has a spiritual mentor or hero of yours ever made a moral failure? How did it effect you?