

Week of February 9, 2025 - Insiders vs. Outsiders | Small Group Lesson 14

Connect

Have you ever had to set boundaries with someone? What were the circumstances that brought you to this decision? Did things improve?

Verses - 1 Corinthians 5:9-13 (CSB)

Read aloud:

9 I wrote to you in a letter not to associate with sexually immoral people. 10 I did not mean the immoral people of this world or the greedy and swindlers or idolaters; otherwise you would have to leave the world. 11 But actually, I wrote you not to associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister and is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or verbally abusive, a drunkard or a swindler. Do not even eat with such a person. 12 For what business is it of mine to judge outsiders? Don't you judge those who are inside? 13 God judges outsiders. Remove the evil person from among you.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. Who is Paul talking about when he mentions "sexually immoral people"? What's the difference between the immoral people inside the church and those outside?

2. Why does Paul say the church should judge those inside but not those outside? What does it mean to "purge the evil person"? Why is this important for the church both inside and outside?

3. How does this passage make you think about love, acceptance, and repentance from sin in the church?

Share

Discuss this from this week's message:
In the message, Pastor Takeshi talks about a car salesman who drove a competitor's car. What point was the point of this illustration? How does this example relate to the idea of Christians being "in the world but not of the world"?

Discuss 2:
How do we extend grace and truth: when dealing with sin within the church—where do we draw the line… how can we show love to insiders and outsiders… how do we avoid forceful behavior modification towards both groups?

How have you personally dealt lovingly with non-Christians in such situations?

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.