

For His glory...

All sin should be mourned and grieved; not celebrated. (1-2a)

Elders should courageously remove all willful, blatant, ongoing, unrepentant sinners from the fellowship of the church. (2b-5)

Believers should cleanse themselves from even the smallest amounts of immorality by focusing on the Lord. (6-8)

Believers should cut off contact with immoral professing believers. (9-13)

Questions for Discussion:

What would be some examples of “respectable sins” among Christians that are not mourned?

Why do you think some Christians give other Christians committing such sins a pass?

What are the dangers of allowing “willful, blatant, ongoing, unrepentant sinners” to continue to remain in the fellowship of the church?

Have you personally observed the following signs in an unrepentant Christian?

1. Image management – “save face.”
2. Explain away the sin.
3. Want to modify the discipline.
4. Blame, criticize, and/or slander you.

How have you observed the Christians around them respond?

Have you personally observed the following signs in a repentant Christian?

1. Broken, grieved and sorry for sin
2. Accept any discipline given
3. Thankful for the love to point out the sin
4. Grow stronger with Jesus

How have you observed the Christians around them respond?

Are there sins that you are tolerating in yourself that you wouldn't tolerate in someone else?

What would repentance look like for you this week?