

Growth Teams

Going deeper

In Joshua 7, the sin of one person is understood to undermine the whole of God's people and they have to take drastic action. In the New Testament the church as God's people is never told to execute people, but there is a call for church discipline. In this passage from 1 Corinthians, Paul calls on the church in Corinth to deal with someone committing a particularly bad sin.

Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-12

5. In what way does Paul say the sin is particularly bad? (vs. 1)

6. How does Paul say the church should discipline this man? (vs. 2-5)

7. What is Paul's hope for the sinner as a result of this process? (vs. 5)

8. Why does Paul say it is important for the church to carry out this discipline? (vs. 6-8)

9. How are we to treat blatant sinners in the church differently to those who are outside? (vs. 9-12) How does this reflect Jesus's teaching and behaviour?

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...

**Week Beginning
Sunday 25th September 2016**

Growth Team News

It's the second week of Growth Teams and not too late to join one!

The people that go find them a great help in getting to know others in the church better, finding personal prayer support and a better understanding of the Bible. If you want to grow as a Christian then these are the teams to join!



**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

Avoiding a Fall

Joshua 7:1-26 (page 221f)

Space to take notes on the talk

Why was Achan's sin so bad?

- Unfaithful to _____
- Unfaithful to _____
- Unfaithful to _____

How do we avoid a fall?

- R _____ sin
- R _____ sin
- R _____ sin causes

Starter question

- ❖ Can you think of an example of one person letting a whole team down?

Responding to the talk

1. What stood out for you as the key message of Sunday's talk?
2. Read Joshua 7:1-9
 - a. How was Israel unfaithful to God (vs. 1; cf. 6:18-19)?
 - b. What were the consequences for Israel?
 - c. What was good and what was bad about Joshua's response?
3. Read Joshua 7:10-15
 - a. What is God's diagnosis of the situation?
 - b. Why is the threat of God not being with Israel so serious?
4. Read Joshua 7:16-26
 - a. Why do you think verses 1 and 25 stress Achan's place in Israel? (cf. 6:25)
 - b. How do Achan's words show how sin works? (cf. Gen. 3:6-8)
 - c. Achor means 'trouble'. What were the pile of rocks over Achan meant to remind people of?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

10. What can we learn from the story of Achan that will help us avoid falling into sin today?
11. A Christian friend is on the point of committing a serious sin. What kind of things might you say to them to persuade them against it?