

**Groups Discussion Guide**  
**Sermon: 1 Corinthians 5-8**  
**Pastor David Uth**  
**“Awkward Conversations”**

**Introduction:**

Last week we celebrated our risen Savior!. Pastor David taught about Jesus joining two disciples on the road to Emmaus and opening their eyes to the truth of who He was throughout Scripture. He also pointed us to the hope, life, and future we have because of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus! It was a glorious morning!

This week Pastor David is back in the book of 1 Corinthians. He will be doing an overview of 1 Corinthians 5-8 and establishing guardrails for us to consider as we move into this challenging part of Scripture.

**Instructions:** This discussion guide serves as a conversation starter for your small group. Every week we will feature an icebreaker question in the **Getting Started** section. Your main discussion will be centered around the **Big Idea** section where you will read the key passage and answer suggested questions based on the sermon. Feel free to use some or all of these questions or add your own. Finally, in the **My Life** section we will give you a couple of ways to practically apply what we have learned together and a closing suggested prayer to pray.

**Getting Started: What was your favorite part of Easter weekend?**

**Big Idea:**

**Read: 1 Corinthians 5:1** What is the scandal that has been reported to Paul? What does Paul say about how the culture views this? Knowing what we know about the city of Corinth and people that lived there, would you expect them to have this view? Why or why not? Do you agree that there should be a difference in the church and the world?

**Read 1 Corinthians 8:6:** According to this verse who were we created for and who do we live for?

**Look through the chapter headings of 1 Corinthians 5-8:** What kind of topics will we be covering in the next few weeks? Does it surprise you that Paul is addressing these

issues in Corinth? Are these issues relevant in our culture today? Why should we take these issues seriously?

Pastor David reminded us that there are two Critical Questions we need to ask ourselves as we study these passages together:

1. What is your source of authority or truth?
2. What is your ultimate goal?

Our ultimate source of authority will always be the Word of God.

**Read Hebrews 4:12-13:** When we give the Word of God access to our hearts, what will it do?

**Read Jeremiah 17:9:** Why can't we trust our hearts on their own? Have you ever been encouraged to "follow your heart?" How did that turn out for you?

Our ultimate goal is God's glory and our good.

**Read 1 Cor 8:6 once again.** How does this support our ultimate goal as believers?

**My Life:** John Piper once said that we should "...discover the glorious truth that God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him." How will you set your mind on being satisfied in God this week? What is one way we can encourage one another to pursue our ultimate source of authority (God's Word) and our ultimate goal (God's glory)?

**Conclusion:** Father, thank you that you created us and made us your own. We exist for you, not the other way around. Keep reminding us that our hearts are most satisfied in You.