

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: August 18, 2019
2 Corinthians 2:5-2:11

1. What did we talk about last week in in 1:21-2:4? _____

2. So what kind of grief is Paul talking about says “if anyone has caused grief” in verse 5, in light of the previous text? _____

3. What sin has this person committed?
 - a. Traditional interpretations identify this with the incestuous man in 1 Corinthians 5.
 - b. Some suggest that this is someone in the church who has committed a personal offense against Paul.
 - c. It doesn’t matter much, because it was certainly a sin or offense and the instruction is the same.
4. Who does Paul say that this person has grieved, according to verse 5? _____

5. Are you grieved when someone is in sin (even if it wasn’t a sin directly against you)?
Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

6. If we sin against God, who according to verses 5-6, have we grieved?
 - a. God.
 - b. Paul.
 - c. Our pastor.
 - d. The whole body of believers.
7. What does Paul say that we should do after the sanctions imposed by the church have brought about repentance?
 - a. Remember their sin for years...perhaps even generations...and tell everybody, so that person never feels comfortable in the church again.
 - b. Stop punishing him.
 - c. Forgive him.
 - d. Comfort him.
 - e. Reaffirm your love for him.
8. Should we do this before repentance comes? Yes_____ No_____ Why or why not? _____

9. What does Paul say about the forgiveness of the church in verse 10? Yes_____ No_____ Does that say something about the power of forgiveness in the church (See also Matthew 18:18-20)? _____

10. How do we handle offenses in the church? _____