

SERMON NOTES

Date: February 25, 2018

Series: Messy Church

Title: How to Handle Unrepentant Sin

Text: 1 Corinthians 5:1-5

Big Idea: Dealing with sin in the church is painful and can be very messy, especially when the guilty are unrepentant. Thankfully God gives us clear instruction on how the church can handle unrepentant sin.

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

Why can it be risky to preach against sin in the church or even do church discipline? Yet, why does it please God and help the body to grow when we remain faithful to do these things? _____

The church should be a place where sinners are welcome and hope can be found, but what are the dangers of failing to take sin in the church seriously? What are the dangers of ignoring the warning signs in people's lives? _____

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

People respond to sin differently. Some make light of it, gloss over it, or ignore it all together. Others admit it, grieve it, deal with it right away and enjoy the freedom of forgiveness. Still, others obsess over it may be overtaken by paralyzing guilt and shame. How do you most naturally respond to sin in your own life? How do you typically respond when confronted? What role does the nature, reach, and severity of the sin play in your response? _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

Chose a sin that repeated creeps up in your life. How do you typically respond to it? What keeps you from experiencing genuine sorrow for it? What helps promote legitimate sorrow that leads to repentance? _____

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Pray for the purity of the church this week. Pray that God would expose hidden sin so that it can be dealt with and gospel promises applied.