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**1 CORINTHIANS**  
**Part 5: Fix the Mix**

**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

***In an oversexualized culture, we need to call those who believe to a biblical standard of living. When we see something outside of God's standard, we have to quickly address it, so that unbelievers can see the purity of a redeemed lifestyle.***

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## **[1 Corinthians 5.6-7, NLT]**

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***Love says, "I am willing to confront to cause repentance."***

***Every promise from God has a new prerequisite; God speaks prophetically over the potential of the church.***

## **[2 Timothy 2.20-21, NLT]**

*In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use. If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.*

***The promise is attached to our purity. Have a "zero tolerance policy" when it comes to the mixture.***

***Let's not expect God to accept "mostly pure" vessels to pour out revival into.***

### **How to Fix the Mix:**

- 1. Pursue Purity Personally**
- 2. Promote Purity Publicly (Corporately)**
- 3. Pray for Purity Persistently**

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What is the value in discipline? How do you find the balance between tolerance and righteousness? What does loving confrontation look like?**
- 2. In verses 6-7, there is an analogy of dough and yeast. How does this "little yeast" affect the whole batch? What can that look like in the church?**
- 3. How does getting rid of the old mixture (the impure) make way for the new? What are some of the "If-s" attached to the personal promises of God in your life?**
- 4. What are some practical ways that we can be responsible to being the beautiful example of the bride of Christ? (*The actions of one can influence the whole.*)**
- 5. Which of the three "mix fixes" most directly draws your attention? What will it look like to apply it this week?**