

## **INTRODUCTION**

How are we supposed to *love* others and *judge* them at the same time? As we continue to sort out this somewhat confusing topic, we are going to look at a case study in a first-century church. We will see how the teaching of Jesus on this subject was actually applied then and how we should apply it in the church today.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-5. What would have been the result if the church had continued to ignore this man's behavior?
2. What are the consequences when we don't judge our fellow Christians?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 5:9-11. As a Christian, what does it look like for you to judge another Christian?
4. What are the benefits of judging other Christians?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 5:12-13. Why are there two different standards for judging—one for Christians and one for those who are not Christians?
6. What is usually the result when Christians attempt to judge those outside the church?

## **THINK ABOUT IT**

Who is a Christian in your life headed in the wrong direction? What is your responsibility to him or her?

## **WHAT WILL YOU DO?**

What will you do to help this person get back on the right track?

## **CHANGING YOUR MIND**

*What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside?* Matthew 5:12