



SEMESTER 4 - WEEK 6

ECCLESIOLOGY-CHURCH DISCIPLINE AND RESTORATION

[D3 - THE MINISTRY]

Jesus' instruction to the church for the spiritual care of the unrepentant professing believer:

I. Jesus' instruction for the church [Matthew 18:15-20]

- The Church's practice [15-17]
 - Private personal reproof
 - Private conference establishing facts
 - Public commissioning of the church
 - Public ex-communication out of the church

- Heaven's participation [18]

- Jesus' presence

2. Additional texts for consideration:

Hebrews 12:4-14

Galatians 6:1-5

I Corinthians 5

Titus 3:9-11

II Corinthians 2:6

Ephesians 5:11

I Thessalonians 5:14

II Thessalonians 3:6-15

I Timothy 5:19-20

II Timothy 3:1-5

James 5:19-20



3. Essential questions for consideration:

Who is church discipline for?

What sins are included?

What heart must I have in it?

What might impact the duration of the process?

What if someone leaves the church while in the process?

What if the unrepentant professing believer is not part of a church?

What should the nature of my relationship be with someone who has been church disciplined?

What if the unrepentant professing believer is part of a church that does not practice church discipline?

What if there are legal ramifications that make repentance difficult to discern?

What if the person is a family member?

What if the person repents?



MINISTRY PASSAGES

DISCIPLINE 3 [THE MINISTRY]

Galatians 6:1-5 — BEAR EACH OTHER'S BURDENS

- 1 *Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.*
- 2 *Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.*
- 3 *For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.*
- 4 *But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another.*
- 5 *For each one will bear his own load.*

I Corinthians 5 — DANGERS OF IMMORALITY

Titus 3:9-11 – REJECT A FACTIOUS MAN

- 9 *But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.*
- 10 *Reject a factious man after a first and second warning,*
- 11 *knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.*



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QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. How does God's instruction regarding church discipline and restoration impact how you view sin in your own life?

2. What are the spiritual implications if a church fails to practice church discipline as scripture prescribes?

