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SERIES: New Members Class

TITLE: What We Believe About Sin in the Church.

LESSON: Five

1. We strongly believe in the practice of _____.

Church discipline is a loving confrontational, and corrective measure taken by an individual, church leaders, or congregation regarding unrepentant sin in a believer's life.

“disciple” “discipline”

2. We believe that the main objective is to _____

an unrepentant believer to a safe, productive path which protects them from a life of unnecessary pain and anguish.

Galatians 6:1 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.

“restore” [katartizo] kata - Come along side of

artizo - to bring something to an end

**3. We believe the church has the authority to _____
sin as it's defined in God's Word.**

Matthew 7:1 "Do not judge so that you will not be judged.

Jesus is not condemning all forms of judging. He is warning of a judgmental attitude of arrogance and self-righteousness.

John 7:24 "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

**4. We believe that church discipline is _____
after the way God loves us.**

Hebrews 12:6 For those whom the Lord LOVES He disciplines, And He scourges (chastises) every son whom He receives."

Hebrews 12:10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.

Hebrews 12:11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

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5. We believe that God gives us four _____ to carry out discipline.

The parable of the lost sheep.

Matthew 18:12–14 “What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying? 13 “If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray. 14 “So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

Four steps

15 “If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. 16 “But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. 17 “If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

The goal is “listening”

1 Go in _____.

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15 “If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

“**show**” means bring to light (command).

2. Take _____ or _____.

16 “But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed.

This is based on the Mosaic Law.

Deuteronomy 19:15 “A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin which he has committed; on the evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.

3. Tell it to the _____.

17 “If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church;

This has two benefits:

1. It brings additional pressure to the entangled sinner.
2. It ensures even greater fairness.

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4. _____ them from fellowship.

17b. and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

**6. We believe church discipline is clearly _____
for us in the N.T..**

1 Corinthians 5:1–13 It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife.

2 You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst. 3 For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present.

**A. Refusal to handle sin in the church reveals the sin
of _____.**

**B. True love _____ for those caught in sin
instead of ignoring it.**

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5 I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

C. Those who refuse to listen (repent) are to be set

_____ **the fellowship of the church.**

6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? 7 Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened.

D. Those who refuse to practice church discipline don't

understand the _____ nature of sin.

“leaven” ... is yeast and yeast is a metaphor for the permeating effect of sin

9 I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; 10 I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world. 11 But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one. 12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church? 13 But those who are outside, God judges. Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.

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E. We are to _____ ourselves from those who refuse to repent.

F. God has given the church the responsibility to _____ the body of Christ.

“Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.”

ANSWERS: church discipline, restore, judge, patterned, steps, private, one, two, church, Remove, modeled, pride, grieves, outside, permeating, separate, judge