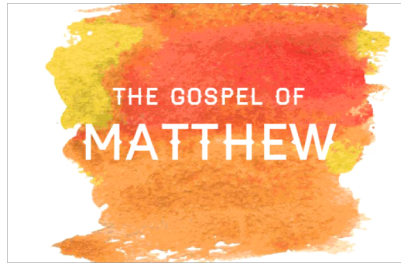


Disciple's Quest

If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.

John 8:31



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How to Confront and Correct a Sinning Disciple

Matthew 18:15 - 20

Main Idea:

Jesus addresses the matter of a sinning disciple, his place in the kingdom community (church), and specifically the church's calling and responsibility to encourage his repentance and facilitate his restoration.

Outline:

Church Discipline

- 1) The purpose of church discipline: restoration
- 2) The process of church discipline
 - A. Reprove an unrepentant sinning brother in private
 - B. (If necessary) return with one or two witnesses and reprove him again
 - C. (If necessary) tell it to the church
 - D. If he remains unrepentant, withdraw fellowship
- 3) The power behind church discipline

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

1. According to the message, what is the main purpose of church discipline?

2. Can you think of any attendant blessings and benefits for the church that takes this responsibility seriously?

How might the practice of church discipline serve to encourage all in the church to regard sin more seriously – and to better resist it?

3. How does biblical church discipline help to protect the integrity of the local church?

4. Do you see God’s grace evident in the church discipline process? In what ways?

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