

GRADUATE STUDIES IN CHURCH DISCIPLINE
COURSE 4: NUCLEAR OPTION (Matthew 18:17)
March 15, 2026

THE NUCLEAR OPTION(S):

¹⁷ "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church." Matthew 18:17 (BSB)

- **THE NUCLEAR OPTION: A _____ OF THE**

SINNER BY "THE _____."

¹⁷ "...And if he refuses to listen even to the church..." Matthew 18:17 (BSB)

- **WHAT IS 'THE CHURCH' THAT MUST CONFRONT THIS INDIVIDUAL?**

- **THE _____**

WITH WHOM THIS INDIVIDUAL WORSHIPS.

¹⁹ "Do not entertain an accusation against an elder, except on the testimony of two or three witnesses. ²⁰But those who persist in sin should be rebuked in front of everyone, so that the others will stand in fear of sin." 1 Timothy 5:19-20 (BSB)

- **A _____ GROUP OF _____ WHO**

_____ THE CHURCH.

¹⁸ "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Matthew 18:18 (BSB)

- **A _____ GROUP _____ THE CHURCH,**

_____ TO AND IN _____ WITH

THE SINNER.

¹⁹ "...Aquila and [Priscilla] greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house." 1 Corinthians 16:19 (BSB)

¹⁷ "...And if he refuses to listen even to the church, regard him as you would a pagan or a tax collector." Matthew 18:17 (BSB)

- **NUCLEAR NUCLEAR OPTION: _____ FROM CHRISTIAN**

_____ AND SHARED _____.

- **WHAT ACTIONS WOULD THE CHURCH TAKE?**

¹¹ "...I am writing you not to associate with anyone who claims to be a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a verbal abuser, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat." 1 Corinthians 5:11 (BSB)

- _____
- _____
- _____ PRIOR
TO RETURN

⁴“When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus...⁵hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the Day of the Lord.”

1 Corinthians 5:4-5 (BSB)

- _____ THE PERSON, BUT ONLY AS AN
_____ NEEDING THE _____, NOT A
_____ IN _____.

¹⁰ “...as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to the family of faith.”

Galatians 6:10 (BSB)

SOME QUESTIONS:

- HOW WILL WE HANDLE THIS HERE AT GNG?
 - _____.
- WOULD IT BE OUR TYPICAL PATTERN TO “OUT SIN” ON SUNDAY MORNING?
 - _____ (GENERALLY), BECAUSE OF THE _____
OF THE _____.
- WOULD WE BAR UNREPENTANT SINNERS AT THE CHURCH DOOR?
 - _____ ON _____.
 - IN LIFE GROUPS/MINISTRIES/DISCIPLESHIP/SPECIALS? _____.

BOTTOM LINE:

CHURCH _____ IS A _____,

NOT A _____.

NEXT STEPS

- PARENT FORUM
 - Come learn more about how to make disciples in your home, immediately after both services today, in the GNG Conference Room.
- BAPTISM INTERVIEW SIGNUPS
 - Baptism Celebration is on March 29th. Signups for baptism interviews available now.