

The Practice of Community Discipline (Part 1)

Matthew 18:15-20

Part A

The Contextual Framework of Community Discipline

- The Marks of the New Testament Church
- The Context of Matthew 18

I. The Problem (18:15a)

A. The Persons Involved

1. The Fact of Christian Brothers
2. The Nature of Christian Brothers
 - a. Its Priority
 - b. Its Newness
 - c. Its Unity

B. The Situation Involved

1. The Nature of the Situation
 - sins missing the mark or goal
2. The Particulars of the Situation

II. The Process (18:15b-17)

A. Private Rebuke (18:15b-d)

1. The Nature of the Rebuke
 - a. The Meaning Rebuke
 - reprove punish, condemn, convict, or examine
 - b. The Need for Rebuke
 - c. The Manner of the Rebuke
2. The Place of the Rebuke
 - a. The Need for Privacy
 - b. The Challenge to Privacy
3. The Intent of the Rebuke