

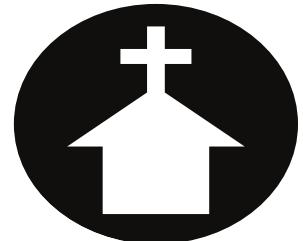
Pastor Tom Wilson





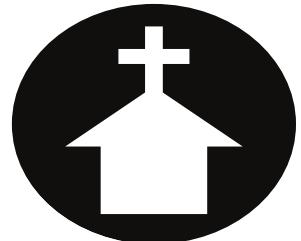
The Church

“Do we have to?”



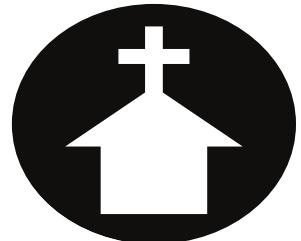
General Principle

Discipline is an act of love.



Relational Context

Church discipline is part of
discipleship.



Aspect 1

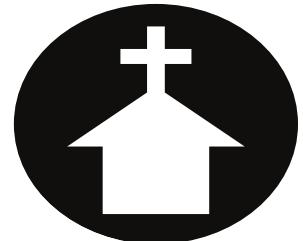
Formative Discipline

1 Tim 3:16-17
Pew Bible: 996



Formative Discipline

Instruction and training to
lead people to be more
like Christ



Aspect 2

Corrective Discipline

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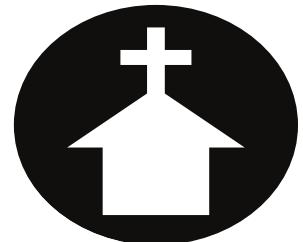
Corrective Discipline

Reproof and correction to
lead people to be more
like Christ



Corrective Church Discipline

The body acting together intentionally to bring reproof and correction to a specific person for a particular sin to lead him to be more like Christ.



The Reasons for Church Discipline



Reason 1

Restoration (Formation) of the Sinner

Gal 6:1-2 | 1 Cor 5:5 | 2 Thes 3:15
Pew Bible: 975, 954, 990



Reason 2

Protection of the Body

1 Tim 5:19-20 | Titus 3:9-11
Pew Bible: 993, 999



Reason 3

Displaying God's Glory & God's Gospel to the World

1 Cor 5:5 | 1 Pet 2:12

Pew Bible: 954, 1015



Part 4

The Practice of Church Discipline



Matt 18:15-17

Pew Bible: 823

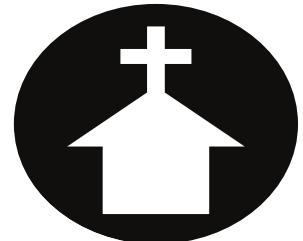


Four Phases in Church Discipline



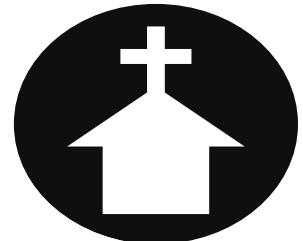
Key Thought

Progressive process not a
precise prescription



Key Goal

Keep the people involved as narrow as possible.



Phase 1

Private Conversation

Matt 18:15



Phase 2

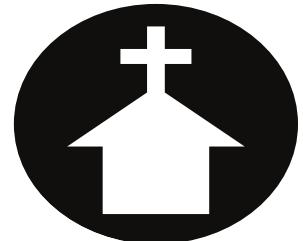
Private Confirmation

Matt 18:16 | Deut 19:15-20
Pew Bible: 823, 162



Key Principle

Clear confirmation must occur before a decision is made to move to congregational discipline.



Phase 3

Congregational Explanation

Matt 18:17a



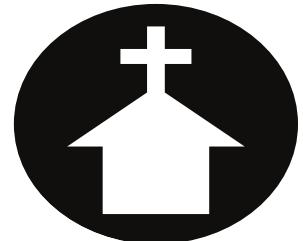
Deciding to move to Congregational Church Discipline



Key Principle

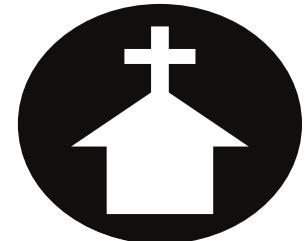
Deciding if a sin requires
public church discipline
requires prayer and wisdom.

(It is **not** a simple checklist.)



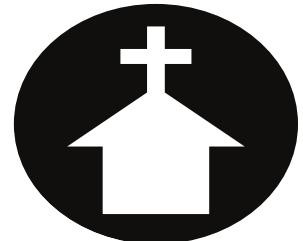
Key Principle

The elders should lead.



Danger!

Relying on a system or process
for wisdom rather than
the Word and the Spirit



Characteristics of Sins requiring Congregational Church Discipline



Unrepentant

Matt 18:15-17,21-22
Pew Bible: 823



Outward

1 Cor 5:1

Pew Bible: 954



Egregious

1 Cor 5:1 | Titus 3:10 | 1 Tim 5:19
Pew Bible: 954, 999, 993



Phase 4

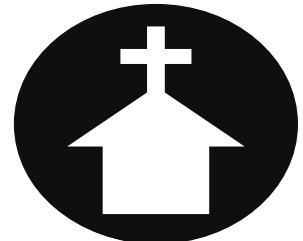
Congregational Excommunication

Matt 18:17b



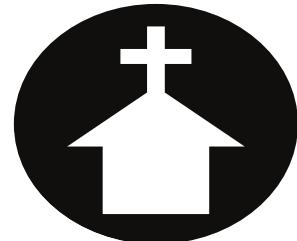
Key Principle

The body relates to the person
under church discipline
differently.



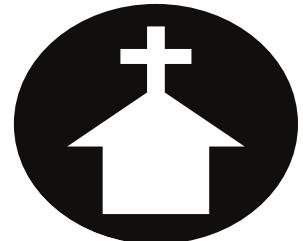
Key Principle

The consequences of congregational discipline does **not** always look the same.



Key Principle

Remember the End Goal!
Repentance & Restoration



Remember

At the heart of church
discipline is love
for God's glory,
Christ's gospel,
and one another.

