

## THE GRACE OF DISCIPLINE

1 Corinthians 5.1-13

### DEFINING CHURCH DISCIPLINE

Matthew 18.15-35

**Our hearts are not private property, but communal property.  
Though our faith is personal, it is not private.**

- Kyle Strobel

"Church discipline" starts in the context of relationships. It is a community project. We have been saved into a body, a family, and we are here to help each other grow out of sin and into holiness.

**True friendship calls you out of the darkness of personal privacy  
into the loving candor of mutual concern. It moves you from  
being a sealed envelope to being an open letter.**

-Paul Tripp, Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands

The curious statement that what we bind and loose on earth reminds us that though God can do what He wants as He wants it, He has chosen to use us, His church, to do His will. He specifically has given the church the authority to enact His judgments and discipline. He honors what the church does in His Name. This does *not* mean the church is infallible, but rather that *when she acts in Jesus' Name and according to His will*, He will back it up.

### THE GOAL OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE

**Discipline is not for the destruction of the person,  
But for the destruction of the flesh.**

Hebrews 12.5-13

### TO JUDGE OR NOT TO JUDGE

This issue of church discipline is not for those outside the church, but those who call themselves believers. It calls us to change the way we even interact with those who are living in unrepentant, rebellious sin. To look the other way is neither right nor safe for both the church itself (leaven spreading) or the person.

Hebrews 3.13 // Proverbs 27.5, 6

We have a perverse ability to feel good about things that are not good...We are blind to our own blindness. And the spiritually blind person walks around believing that no one has a more accurate view of themselves than they do...We need daily intervention...Each of us, whether pastors or congregants, needs the eyes of others in order to see ourselves with clarity and accuracy. And what is this daily ministry of intervention protecting us from? From becoming spiritually blinded to the point of the hardening of our hearts. **Our own hearts deceive us. —Paul Tripp**

## NOTES:

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

**Romans 5:8**

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **1 Corinthians 4.5.1-13**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

Now read **Matthew 18.15-35**. What similarities do you see in these texts? \_\_\_\_\_

### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Despite the weight of these passages, there is a lot of Gospel truth in them that can cause us to cling to the cross. What particular truths can you preach to yourself to remind you of what Christ has done for you through these passages? \_\_\_\_\_

### Repent and Confess

Read **Hebrews 12.5-13, 3.13**. Sin easily deceives us, and when the Lord brings discipline, we often push back. Are there sin areas in your life that have been brought to your attention by others that you are ignoring? Is there something that's been hardening your heart or that you have been justifying that you know is sin? \_\_\_\_\_

### Ask for Provision

What do you need to ask the Lord for? Most often with creeping sin, we need to ask for humility to receive the confronting love of others, and clarity to see where we have had blind spots. What might you ask God for help in? Is there a particular area of life you suspect is a bit "off" or need help in? \_\_\_\_\_

### Your Life Mission

God has called us all to be a part of the body of Christ, His family. We all have unique roles and are entrusted with certain relationships both inside and outside the body. Without naming people, are there hard conversations you need to have with another believer that you need (very vague!) prayer for? Are you fearing man and wanting to look the other way, but know you need to speak? \_\_\_\_\_

With those outside of the church family, are there conversations coming up with people who you may want to judge, but know you need to learn not to judge them, but somehow come alongside them and have patience and understanding with them? How might you need prayer for those upcoming conversations? \_\_\_\_\_

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.

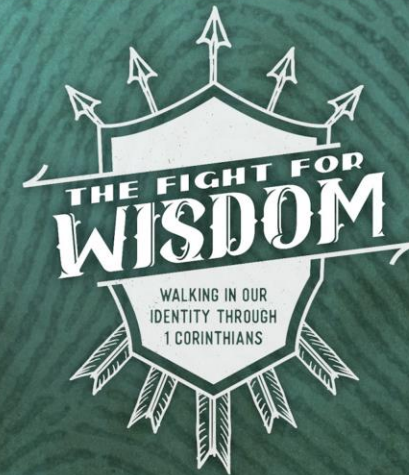


# LIFE MISSION

## CHURCH

MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,  
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.

*Happy Mother's Day!*



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